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FOREWORD

This volume, prepared by the Mississippi Historical Records Survey, is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, the first attempt to list all public vital statistics records in the State of Mississippi.

It will be of material assistance to individuals who require information concerning marriage and divorce records and to the Division of Vital Statistics of the Mississippi State Board of Health in locating any missing records.

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PREFACE

The Guide to Vital Statistics Records in Mississippi has been published to assist in the war effort by providing a checklist of existing archival materials relating to births, marriages, deaths, and divorces. This Guide is being issued in two volumes: Volume I, Public Archives; Volume II, Church Archives.

The paramount necessity and importance of all vital statistics records, especially birth records, has increased as the nation has prepared itself for defense and for total war. Birth records are prerequisites for entrance into the services of the Army and Navy, for employment in war industries and in other occupations. Birth records are needed to determine questions of parentage, heredity, legitimacy, personal identity, property rights, inheritance, citizenship, and entrance into schools. They are also needed in establishing claims to old age assistance, benefits from workmens' compensation, widows', mothers', and other pensions.

Death records are essential in ascertaining the cause of death, relative death rates, ratios of deaths to births, duration of life, and rates of life insurance. They also are valuable in comparing the relative health conditions of different states and communities, in controling contagious diseases, in effecting the shipment of bodies from state to state, and in preventing and detecting crime. They are required for proof of death in the probate of wills, the settlement of estates, the establishment of claims for insurance and pensions, and proof of ancestry and heredity.

Marriage and divorce records are used to decide questions of parentage, heredity, legitimacy, property rights, inheritance, citizenship, pensions, benefits, marital relationships, for determining certain contractual rights and obligations, and for substantiating claims for exemption from selective service.

This volume of public records is composed of separate sections on births, deaths, marriages, and divorces in which are listed both State and county records of each classification. A short essay citing important legislation concerning each type of records precedes the actual listing of the records.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health are described and arranged in the full-length, formalized, and numbered entry style used by the Survey in its publications of inventories of county archives. The county records are described in an abbreviated manner and are arranged alphabetically in each section by the name of the county, with the records listed chronologically thereunder. Sample birth and death certificates and reporting forms for marriages and divorces are inserted at the end of the applicable section.

The titles and addresses of the custodians are given in the bodies of the record entries. The cost of certified copies of county records is indicated

in the entries and the cost of certified copies of State records is indicated in the essays. It will be noted that certified copies of both Birth Certificates and Death Certificates can be obtained only from the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health, Jackson, Mississippi.

In September 1940, in conjunction with the work of the Vital Statistics Division of the Bureau of the Census, the Historical Records Survey Project in each state was requested to supply the central office of the project with a brief checklist of existing State and county records of births, marriages, deaths, and divorces with transcripts, abstracts, or citations of legislation requiring or affecting the keeping of records of each of these types. The information obtained in Mississippi as the result of this request is the basis of this publication.

This volume was prepared for publication under the supervision of Nash K. Burger, Project Technician, by Elizabeth Gordon, Kate Langston, and Maurice Price. The field inventories of the county records were made by project employes under the supervision of District Supervisors Lorine R. Goza, Sara C. Smith, Mabel V. Bustin, and Eloise E. Parsons. The inventory of the records of the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health was made and rechecked by personnel of the State office of the Survey.

The Survey acknowledges with sincere appreciation the assistance given by Dr. Felix J. Underwood, Executive Officer of the Mississippi State Board of Health; by Dr. R. N. Whitfield, Director of the Division of Vital Statistics; and by administrative officials of the State and Regional offices of the Work Projects Administration.

A list of publications issued by the Mississippi Historical Records Survey appears on page 62. Approximately 1,850 publications have been issued by the Survey throughout the Nation.

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"To bring together the records of the past and to house them in buildings where they will be preserved for the use of men living in the future, a nation must believe in three things. It must believe in the past. It must believe in the future. It must, above all, believe in the capacity of its people so to learn from the past that they can gain in judgement for the creation of the future."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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LEGISLATION CONCERNING BIRTH RECORDS

Prior to 1912 there was little governmental recordation of births in Mississippi. A law passed by the State Legislature in 1822 requiring the Tax Assessor to compile birth records for 1822 and three years following the enactment of the law does not seem to have been observed.[1] In 1877 a State Board of Health, consisting of 12 physicians appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the State Medical Association was established by the Legislature,[2] and the following year provision was made for the registration of all births with the circuit clerk of the county wherein the birth occured.[3] This provision requiring birth registration was, however, eliminated by an amending act in 1880.[4]

In 1912 a law was enacted providing that the State Board of Health should establish a Bureau of Vital Statistics.[5] This law stipulated that this Bureau should set up a system for the registration of births on forms to be prescribed by the State Board of Health. The secretary of the State Board was to serve as Registrar and local registrars over the State might be appointed by the board.

Under the provisions of this act the State was divided into registration districts, each city, town, village, and election precinct constituting a district, but the State Registrar was given authority to make combinations of districts. A local registrar was appointed for each district. Births were to be reported by physician or midwife to the local registrar within 10 days. Stillborn children were to be registered both as births and deaths. The certificate of birth was to contain: place and date of birth, full name and sex of child, whether a single or plural birth, whether legitimate or illegitimate; except in illegitimate births, full name, residence, race, age, birthplace, and occupation of father; similiar information regarding the mother, plus number of children of this mother and number now living; the whole to be signed by the person attending at birth. The State Registrar was to receive the reports monthly from the local registrars and was responsible for permanently preserving them. Certified copies might be obtained from the State Registrar for 50 cents each, fees received from this source to be turned in to the State Treasurer.[6] Although the arrangement of information on the birth certificate has been changed since 1912 the information called for is in general, the same. Two items on the present form not on the earlier one are: length of pregnancy, and time spent in hospital, if any. Stillbirths are now recorded separately.[7]

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1. L. M. 1822, p. 24.
2. L. M. 1877, p. 60.
3. L. M. 1878, pp. 129-137.
4. L. M. 1880, pp. 160-169.
5. L. M. 1912, pp. 158-159; Code 1917, secs. 4868-4874; Code 1930, secs. 4904-4910.
6. Mississippi State Board of Health, Report of the Board of Health, 1911-13, 179-ff.
7. Mississippi State Board of Health, Twenty-Fourth Biennial Report, 1924-25. Vol. 1, 17.

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In 1924, the number of local registrars was 1,250.[8] During the 1930's a program of consolidation of the State's large number of registration districts was begun with the result that by 1936 the total number of registrars was reduced to "less than 150,"[9] and at present to 123.[10]

NO BIRTH CERTIFICATES OR COPIES THEREOF ARE AVAILABLE EXCEPT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH. Records of births kept in the counties are copies or abstracts of the originals sent to the State Board. Because of the tendency to consolidate registration districts and the fact that the County Health Officer is the most important health official in the county, records are listed under his office even though they may, in part, be in the possession of the local registrars. Where there is no Health Office,records are listed with the Registrar.

8. Ibid., 18.
9. Mississippi State Board of Health, Twenty-Ninth Biennial Report, 1933-35, p. 17.
10. Mississippi State Board of Health, Thirty-First Biennial Report, 1937-39, p. 13.

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STATE BIRTH RECORDS

1. BIRTHS PRIOR TO 1912, 1870-1911. 51 vols. (labeled by contained certif. nos., 1-18156).

Original certificates of birth of persons born prior to 1912 who have prepared such certificates and deposited them with the Division of Vital Statistics, showing State file number; county and town of birth; full name of child; sex; twin or triplet; number in order of birth; legitimate; month, day, and year of birth; full name, address, color, age last birthday, place of birth, and occupation of father of child; full maiden name, address, color, age last birthday, place of birth, and occupation of mother of child; number of children born to mother including this birth; signature and acknowledgement of persons making affidavits to this birth; and their relation to child; signature and seal of notary; signature and address of person sending in certificate; and date filed. For index, see entry 2. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 500 pp. 8 x 9 x 2½.

2. BIRTH INDEX DELAYED BIRTHS ALL YEAR END VOLUMES - BIRTHS PRIOR TO 1912. 1 vol.

Russel-Soundex system index to:

i. All year end volumes 1912--, in Births (entry 3), showing surname, Christian name, and middle initial of child; father's initial; code number for county of birth; code number for color; and contained State file number.

ii. Births prior to 1912 (entry 1), showing surname, Christian name, and middle initial of child; father's initial; code number for color; code number for county of birth; and contained State file number.

3. BIRTHS, 1912--. 2833 vols. (labeled by inclusive certif. nos.).

Original standard birth certificates filed with Division of Vital Statistics by local registrars of births and deaths, showing State file number; registrar's number; county, State, city or rural precinct, hospital, or street address of birth; residence of mother by State, county, city or rural precinct; full name of child; date of birth, whether boy or girl or twin or triplet; whether stillborn or born alive; number of months of pregnancy; whether mother is married or not; full name, color or race, age at time of this birth, birthplace, usual occupation, and industry or business of father of this child; full maiden name, color or race, age at time of this birth, birthplace, usual occupation, industry or business of mother of this child; number of children of this mother now living, born alive but now dead, and born dead; mailing address of mother for registration notices; certification and signature of person attending this birth; name of informant and relation to this child; date certificate received by registrar; and signature of registrar. Arr. alph. by name of county of birth, and numer. thereunder by contained State file no. For index, see entries 4, 5. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 7 x 9 x 3.

4. BIRTH INDEX, 1912-40. 51 vols. (dated).

Russel-Soundex index to Births (entry 3), showing surname, Christian name, and middle initial of child; father's initial; code number for county of birth; code number for color; and contained State file number. Photostat of typed cards, 24 vols., 1912-24, 1927, 1930-40; typed, 27 vols., 1925-26, 1928-29. 200 pp. 12 x 9 x 2.

5. /BIRTH INDEX/, January 1, 1941 - June 30, 1941. 114 Remington-Rand Double Panels.

Card slip index to 1940 volumes in Births (entry 3), showing surname, Christian name, and middle initial of child; father's initial; code number for county of birth; code number for color; and contained State file number. Typed. Av. 110 card slips to panel 20 x 8.

6. CWA WHITE BIRTH RECORDS, 1927-34. 15 vols. (labeled by inclusive certif. nos.).

Original standard birth certificates prepared by county CWA Projects in 1934 for white children born 1927-34 for which no birth certificates had been filed. For description of contents, arrangement, manner of recording, average number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 3. No index.

7. CWA COLORED BIRTH RECORDS, 1927-34. 18 vols. (labeled by inclusive certif. nos.).

Original standard birth certificates prepared by county CWA Projects in 1934 for colored children born 1927-34 for which no birth certificates had been filed. For description of contents, arrangement, manner of recording, average number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 3. No index.

8. BIRTHS ILLEGITIMATE, 1934-36, 1938-39. 43 vols. (labeled by contained certif. nos.).

Original standard birth certificates which show birth was illegitimate, withdrawn from Births (entry 3), and bound separately. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, manner of recording, average number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 3.

For similar records 1912-33, 1937, see entry 3.

9. STILLBIRTHS, 1938--. 16 unbound vols. (labeled by contained certif. nos.).

Original standard certificates of stillbirths, filed with Division of Vital Statistics by local registrars of births and deaths, showing State file number, registrar's number; place of stillbirth by county, city, rural precinct, hospital, or street address; residence of mother by State, county, city, or rural precinct; month, day, and year of birth; sex of child; whether twin or triplet; number of months of pregnancy; whether mother married or not; full name, color, or race, age at time of this birth, birthplace, usual occupation, and industry or business of father; full maiden name, color or race, age at time of this birth, birthplace, usual occupation, and industry or business of mother; number of other children of this mother now living, born alive but now dead, and number of other children born dead; mother's usual mailing address; whether or not child died before labor or during labor; complications of pregnancy or labor; whether or not an operation was performed, and if child died before or during operation; cause of stillbirth; certification and signature and address of person attending the birth; signature and address of informant; whether burial, cremation, or removal; date and place of burial or cremation; signature and address of funeral director; statement and signature of local registrar or coroner if physician was not present at stillbirth; date certificate filed with registrar, and signature of registrar. Arr. alph. by name of county, and numer. thereunder by contained State file no. No index. 500 pp. 7 x 9 x 3.

Dr. R. N. Whitfield, Director, Division of Vital Statistics, Miss. State Board of Health, Jackson. Certified copy 50¢.

COUNTY BIRTH RECORDS

ADAMS COUNTY (Natchez)

1879-80 Record (in Register of Marriages, Births, and Deaths), 1 vol. Chron. by date of birth. No index. Circuit Clerk, Natchez.
1929-- Record, 1 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. Indexed alph. by surname of child. County Health Officer, Natchez.

ALCORN COUNTY (Corinth)

1938-- Record, 1 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. Indexed alph. by surname of child. County Health Officer, Corinth.

AMITE COUNTY (Liberty)

1913-- Record, 26 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Liberty.

ATTALA COUNTY (Kosciusko)

1912-- Record, 86 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. Registrar, Kosciusko.

BENTON COUNTY (Ashland)

1912-- Record, 72 vols. Chron. by date reported. No index. County Health Officer, Ashland.

BOLIVAR COUNTY (Rosedale-Cleveland)

1931-- Record, 5 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Rosedale.

CALHOUN COUNTY (Pittsboro)

1912-- Record, 62 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. Registrar, Calhoun City.

CARROLL COUNTY (Carrollton-Vaiden)

1912-- Record, 111 vols. Alph. by surname. No index. County Health Officer, Vaiden.
1928-- Record, 12 vols. Chron. by date reported. No index. Registrar, North Carrollton.

CHICKASAW COUNTY (Houston-Okolona)

1912-- Record, 24 f. b. Chron. by date reported. No index. County Health Officer, Houston.
1923-- Record, 1 f. b. Chron. by date reported. No index. Registrar, Okolona.

Births

CHOCTAW COUNTY (Ackerman)

1917-- Record, 22 vols. Chron. by date reported. No index. Registrar, Ackerman.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY (Port Gibson)

1927-- Record, 32 vols. Chron. by date reported. No index. County Health Officer, Port Gibson.

CLARKE COUNTY (Quitman)

1920-- Record, 229 vols. Alph. by first letter of surname. No index. Registrar, Quitman.

CLAY COUNTY (West Point)

1912-- Record, 190 vols. Chron. by date reported. No index. Registrar, West Point.

COAHOMA COUNTY (Clarksdale)

1928-- Record, 49 vols. Alph. by surname. No index. County Health Officer, Clarksdale.

COPIAH COUNTY (Hazlehurst)

1912-- Record, 35 vols. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date reported. No index. County Health Officer, Hazlehurst.

COVINGTON COUNTY (Collins)

1912-- Record, 25 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Collins.

DESOTO COUNTY (Hernando)

1935-- Record, 27 vols. Alph. by surname. No index. County Health Officer, Hernando.

FORREST COUNTY (Hattiesburg)

1912-- Record, 4 f. b. Alph. by first letter of surname. No index. County Health Officer, Hattiesburg.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (Meadville)

1912-- Record, 35 vols. Chron. by date reported. No index. Registrar, Meadville.

GEORGE COUNTY (Lucedale)

1912-- Record, 38 vols. and 1 f. d. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Lucedale.

Births

GREENE COUNTY (Leakesville)

1935-- Record, 4 vols. and 2 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Leakesville.

GRENADA COUNTY (Grenada)

1912-- Record, 51 vols. Chron. by date reported. No index. Registrar, Grenada.

HANCOCK COUNTY (Bay St. Louis)

1912-- Record, 46 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Bay St. Louis.

HARRISON COUNTY (Gulfport)

1906-15 Record (Gulfport), 1 vol. Chron. by date of birth. No index. Division of Vital Statistics, State Board of Health, Jackson.
1912-- Record, 123 vols. Chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by registration district. County Health Officer, Gulfport.

HINDS COUNTY (Raymond-Jackson)

1910-17 Record (Jackson), 1 vol. Chron. by date of birth. No index. Division of Vital Statistics, State Board of Health, Jackson.
1925-- Record, 185 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Jackson.

HOLMES COUNTY (Lexington)

1930-- Record, 3 vols. and 2 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Lexington.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY (Belzoni)

1933-- Record, 1 f. b. Alph. by surname. No index. County Health Officer, Belzoni.

ISSAQUENA COUNTY (Mayersville)

1912-- Record, 6 vols. and 2 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Mayersville.

ITAWAMBA COUNTY (Fulton)

1912-- Record, 1 f. b. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Registrar, Fulton.

JACKSON COUNTY (Pascagoula)

1909-- Record, 32 f. b. Chron. by date of birth, alph. thereunder by surname. No index. County Health Officer, Pascagoula.

Births

JASPER COUNTY (Bay Springs-Paulding)

1912-- Record, 73 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Bay Springs.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (Fayette)

1912-- Record, 20 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Registrar, Fayette.

JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY (Prentiss)

1912-- Record, 89 vols. Chron. by date of birth. Index alph. by first letter of surname. County Health Officer, Prentiss.

JONES COUNTY (Ellisville-Laurel)

1908-- Record, 41 vols., 12 f. b. and 3 f. d. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Laurel.

KEMPER COUNTY (DeKalb)

1932-- Record, 18 vols. and 4 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, DeKalb.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY (Oxford)

1912-- Record, 99 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Oxford.

LAMAR COUNTY (Purvis)

1933-- Record, 1 f. d. Alph. by surname. No index. County Health Officer, Purvis.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY (Meridian)

1930-- Record, 14 f. b. Alph. by first letter of surname. No index. County Health Officer, Meridian.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (Monticello)

1935-- Record, 16 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Monticello.

LEAKE COUNTY (Carthage)

Not inventoried.

LEE COUNTY (Tupelo)

1932-- Record, 1 vol. and 2 f. b. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Tupelo.

Births

LEFLORE COUNTY (Greenwood)

1912-- Record, 10 f. b. Alph. by first letter of surname. No index. County Health Officer, Greenwood.

LINCOLN COUNTY (Brookhaven)

1929-- Record, 2 vols. and 1 f. d. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Brookhaven.

LOWNDES COUNTY (Columbus)

1912-- Record, 103 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Columbus.

MADISON COUNTY (Canton)

1936-- Record, 3 f. d. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Canton.

MARION COUNTY (Columbia)

1915-- Record, 115 vols. and 1 f. d. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Columbia.

MARSHALL COUNTY (Holly Springs)

1912-- Record, 98 vols. Numer. by registration districts, thereunder chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Holly Springs.

MONROE COUNTY (Aberdeen)

1935-- Record, 1 f. b. Alph. by surname. No index. County Health Officer, Aberdeen.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (Winona)

1912-- Record, 70 vols. 1912-35, numer. by registration districts, thereunder alph. by surname; 1936--, chron. by date filed. No index. Registrar, Winona.

NESHOBA COUNTY (Philadelphia)

1930-- Record, 1 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. No index. Chancery Clerk, Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY (Decatur)

1930-- Record, 31 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. Registrar, Newton.

Births

NOXUBEE COUNTY (Macon)

1912-- Record, 94 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Macon.

OKTIBBEHA COUNTY (Starkville)

1912-- Record, 77 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Starkville.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY (Poplarville)

1931-- Record, 2 vols. Alph. by first letter of surname. No index. County Health Officer, Poplarville.

PERRY COUNTY (New Augusta)

1912-- Record, 50 vols. and 1 f.d. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, New Augusta.

PIKE COUNTY (Magnolia)

1901-12 Record (McComb), 1 vol. Chron. by date of birth. No index. Division of Vital Statistics, State Board of Health, Jackson.
1931-- Record, 4 f. d. Alph. by first letter of surname. No index. County Health Officer, McComb.

PONTOTOC COUNTY (Pontotoc)

1935-- Record, 1 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. No index. Registrar, Pontotoc.

PRENTISS COUNTY (Booneville)

1912-- Record, 58 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Booneville.

QUITMAN (Marks)

1923-- Record, 50 vols. Alph. by surname. No index. County Health Officer, Lambert.

RANKIN COUNTY (Brandon)

1912-- Record, 82 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Brandon.

SCOTT COUNTY (Forest)

1912-- Record, 39 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Registrar, Forest.

Births

SHARKEY COUNTY (Rolling Fork)

1937-- Record, 2 f. d. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Rolling Fork.

SIMPSON COUNTY (Mendenhall)

1912-- Record, 115 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Mendenhall.

SMITH COUNTY (Raleigh)

1912-- Record, 50 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Raleigh.

STONE COUNTY (Wiggins)

1912-- Record, 30 vols. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Wiggins.

SUNFLOWER COUNTY (Indianola)

1927-- Record, 4 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Indianola.

TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY (Charleston-Sumner)

1912-- Record, 70 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Charleston.

TATE COUNTY (Senatobia)

1912-- Record, 30 vols. and 3 f. b. Alph. by surname. No index. County Health Officer, Senatobia.

TIPPAH COUNTY (Ripley) (See also,Marriages, Tippah County, p. 41).

1913-- Record, 12 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Ripley.

TISHOMINGO COUNTY (Iuka)

1938-- Record, 8 vols. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Iuka.

TUNICA COUNTY (Tunica)

1933-- Record, 26 vols. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Tunica.

UNION COUNTY (New Albany)

1912-- Record, 28 vols. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date of birth and alph. by surname. No index. County Health Officer, New Albany.

Births

WALTHALL COUNTY (Tylertown)

1914-- Record, 78 vols. Chron. by date of recording. Registrar, Tylertown.

WARREN COUNTY (Vicksburg)

1912-- Record, 4 vols. Chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by surname. County Health Officer, Vicksburg.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (Greenville)

1937-- Record, 54 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Greenville.

WAYNE COUNTY (Waynesboro)

1914-- Record, 33 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. County Health Officer, Waynesboro.

WEBSTER COUNTY (Walthall)

1935-- Record, 16 vols. Chron. by date of birth. No index. Registrar, Stewart.

WILKINSON COUNTY (Woodville)

1912-- Record, 29 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Woodville.

WINSTON COUNTY (Louisville)

1921-- Record, 50 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Registrar, Louisville.

YALOBUSHA COUNTY (Coffeeville-Water Valley)

1912-- Record, 26 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Water Valley.

YAZOO COUNTY (Yazoo City)

Not inventoried.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of The Census

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

State File Number

Registrar's Number

FOR LIVE BIRTH ONLY

USE SPECIAL BLANK FOR RECORDING STILL BIRTH

1. PLACE OF BIRTH—

County ... City or Town ... Inside or Outside Corporate Limits? ...

Hospital ... or Street and No. ... or Rural Precinct ...

Mother's Stay Before Delivery—(a) In Hospital ... (b) In the Community ...

2. RESIDENCE OF MOTHER—

State ... County ... City or Town ... or Rural Precinct ...

3. FULL NAME OF CHILD ... 4. DATE OF BIRTH ... 19

5. Boy or Girl?	6. Twin or Triplet? If so—born 1st., 2d., or 3d.	7. Number Months of Pregnancy	8. Is Mother Married?

FATHER OF CHILD	MOTHER OF CHILD
9. Full Name ...	15. Full Maiden Name ...
10. Color or Race ... 11. Age at Time of this Birth ... Yrs.	16. Color or Race ... 17. Age at Time of this Birth ... Yrs.
12. Where Born? ...	18. Where Born? ...
13. Usual Occupation ...	19. Usual Occupation ...
14. Industry or Business	20. Industry or Business

21. CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER:

(a) How many other children of this mother are now living? ...

(b) How many other children were born alive but are now dead? ...

(c) How many children were born dead? ...

22. Mother's Mailing Address for Registration Notice

23. I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child who was born alive at the hour of ... M. on the date above stated, and that the information given was furnished by ... related to this child as ...

24. Date Rec'd. by Registrar ... 19 ...

25. Signature of Registrar ...

(Signed) ...

Address ...

Form V. S. 1B

EVERY BLANK ON THIS CERTIFICATE (Except the Affidavit) MUST BE FILLED OUT JUST AS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN THE DAY THIS CHILD WAS BORN. (This certificate must be signed before an officer by two people thoroughly acquainted with the facts.)

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

1. PLACE OF BIRTH

County of..... Place.....

2. Full name of Child.....

3. Male, or Female	4. Twin, Triplet or other? (Answer only in event of plural births)	Number in order of birth?	5. Is this a legitimate child?	6. Date of birth....., 19.... (Month) Day Year

THE FATHER	THE MOTHER
7. Full Name	13. Full Name Before Marriage .....
8. Address at time of this birth	14. Address at time of this birth .....
9. Color..... 10. Age at time of this birth.....yrs.	15. Color..... 16. Age at time of this birth.....yrs.
11. Where Born?	17. Where Born? .....
12. Occupation at time of this birth	18. Occupation at time of this birth .....

19. Number of children born to this mother at time of this birth, and counting this birth	20. Number of children of this mother living at time of this birth, and counting this birth .....

(Signed) ..... (Signed) .....

Relation to Child..... Relation to Child.....

State of Mississippi, County of.....

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County and State the above named ..... and .....

who being by me first duly sworn say that they signed the above statements of facts relative to the birth of .....

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the.....

day of....., 19.....

.....

(SEAL) .....

Name and address of party sending in this Certificate.....

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

FELIX J. UNDERWOOD, M. D., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

For Ages 2 through 12 Years

We have your communication in which you state that

We are sorry that this birth record is not on file in this office. However, it may yet be filed by using the enclosed blank and following the instructions printed below.

The certificate, when completed, should be sent direct to us.

Yours very truly,

R. N. Whitfield

R. N. Whitfield, M. D.
Director, Vital Statistics

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READ CAREFULLY BEFORE FILLING OUT BLANK

The enclosed blank must be filled out accurately and every question answered to correspond to date of birth and no later date.

Two persons thoroughly acquainted with the facts of the birth must sign the certificate before a notary or other person authorized to take depositions. These two persons may be the parents; or one parent and the doctor who attended the case; or uncles and aunts; or two other persons who knew the facts. In the latter case the present ages of the persons signing must be stated.

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NOTE---This Form ONLY for Persons Born BEFORE NOV. 1, 1912

Form V.S.—511-NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON SENDING IN THIS CERTIFICATE

Name

Address

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH — DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

Full Name at birth _____ Sex _____ Color _____

County of Birth | STATE OF MISSISSIPPI | Date of Birth

THE FATHER	THE MOTHER
Full Name _____	Full Name Before Marriage _____
Where Born?	Where Born?

AFFIDAVIT By Applicant — I hereby declare upon oath that the above statements are true and correct.

(Signed). _____ Full Address: _____

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the _____ day of _____, 19____

(Seal) My Commission Expires _____, 19____. | _____ Notary Public

For State of _____ County of _____

AFFIDAVIT By Close Relative (or other person) I hereby declare upon oath that the above Statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief - for the following reasons:

(Signed). _____ Full Address: _____

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the _____ day of _____, 19____

(Seal) My Commission Expires _____, 19____. | _____ Notary Public

For State of _____ County of _____

(Do Not Write Below This Line)

PARENTAGE, AGE AND MISSISSIPPI BIRTH VERIFIED BY U. S. CENSUS OF

	OTHER SUPPORTING EVIDENCE Name and Kind of Document and By Whom Issued and Signed	Date Original Document Was Made
1		
2		

Information Concerning Registrant as Stated in Document

	Birth Date or Age	Birthplace	Name of Father	Name of Mother
1				
2				

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the evidence recorded above and that the information is as noted in these abstracts. This the _____ day of _____, 19____.

_____ M. D. By _____

State Director Vital Statistics — Authorized Clerk in the Department

NOTE---This Form ONLY for Persons Born ON or AFTER NOV. 1, 1912

Form V.S.—511A NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON SENDING IN THIS CERTIFICATE

Name

Address

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH — DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

Full Name at birth _____ Sex _____ Color _____

County of Birth | STATE OF MISSISSIPPI | Date of Birth

THE FATHER	THE MOTHER
Full Name _____	Full Name Before Marriage _____
Where Born?	Where Born?

AFFIDAVIT By Applicant — I hereby declare upon oath that the above statements are true and correct.

(Signed). _____ Full Address: _____

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the _____ day of _____, 19____

(Seal) My Commission Expires _____, 19 . | _____ Notary Public | For State of _____ County of _____

AFFIDAVIT By Close Relative (or other person) I hereby declare upon oath that the above Statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief - for the following reasons:

(Signed). _____ Full Address: _____

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the _____ day of _____, 19____

(Seal) My Commission Expires _____, 19 . | _____ Notary Public | For State of _____ County of _____

(Do Not Write Below This Line)

PARENTAGE, AGE AND MISSISSIPPI BIRTH VERIFIED BY U. S. CENSUS OF

OTHER SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

_____ M. D. By _____

State Director Vital Statistics — Authorized Clerk in the Department

SEE OTHER SIDE

Bureau of the Census
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

Applicant for information from Census records must fill in this form as completely as possible. Also it must be SIGNED IN PERSON by the applicant.

Date _____ No.

Gentlemen: Will you please furnish me with any information appearing on the Census records concerning my Age, Place of Birth, and Names of Parents, especially as shown in the next census taken after my birth.

Name in full of applicant (Print or Type) _____

Maiden Name (If a woman) _____ Date of Birth _____ Place _____

Full name of Father _____ Mother _____

Name of Husband or Wife (1) _____ (2) _____

GIVE EXACT PLACE OF RESIDENCE AT EACH DATE LISTED BELOW:

Census date	Number and Street Very Important	City, Town, Township (precinct, beat, etc.)	County and State	With whom living (Name, Head of Household)
June 1, 1850				
June 1, 1860				
June 1, 1870				
June 1, 1880				
June 1, 1900				
Apr. 15, 1910				
Jan. 1, 1920				
Apr. 1, 1930				

Reason for requesting this information: For proof in preparing Delayed Birth Certificate.
I certify that I have been unable to get this information from State or Local records.

Signature of Applicant _____

Present address (Number and Street) _____

City _____ County _____ State _____

Form VS 351

Note - The 1890 schedules were destroyed by fire.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS BUREAU CENSUS FORM

The most necessary information for you to give on the blank is your location at the time the census was made. Select the first census year which came after you were born, and then to the right of this date state name of town where you were living at the time, also name of the street. If you were not living in an incorporated town, give Beat number and name of Voting Precinct. Then further to the right, give name of County, State, and with whom living. This latter question can usually be answered with the word "Parents". Of course all questions in the upper half of the blank should be carefully answered, and your signature and address written at the bottom of the sheet. It may be necessary for you to confer with the parents or others to learn in what town or in what beat you were living when the particular census was made.

When the blank is completed and signed by you, mail it to the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D. C.

Date _____

To the _____ Life Insurance Company

Address _____

Dear Sirs:

Will you please refer to your records and send direct to the Mississippi State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Jackson, Mississippi, any information concerning my date of birth and place of birth (or reference to parents) that may appear on my application made for insurance in your company on or about the year _____. Name of Beneficiary _____

Policy No. _____
Amt. of Insurance _____
My Date of Birth _____
I was living at _____
_____
when policy was taken out.

Yours very truly,

_____

Address _____

To The Mississippi State Board of Health
Division of Vital Statistics
Jackson, Mississippi

Insurance Company will please mail this direct to the applicant, who in turn will mail to us with other evidence of age and place of birth.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dear Sirs:

With reference to _____ Policy No. _____

issued _____, said applicant stated on the application:

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Parents (if mentioned): Father _____

Mother _____

Yours very truly,

Dated at _____ _____ Life Insurance Company

This the _____ day of By _____

_____, 19_____ Official Title _____

To Insurance Company:

Please imprint your
Seal on this sheet

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DIRECTIONS FOR PREPARING YOUR OWN BIRTH RECORD

(In case your Birth has not been Registered)

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1. Use the enclosed colored "Delayed Certificate of Birth" form.

   - WRITE PLAINLY WITH GOOD INK, OR USE A PLAIN WRITING TYPEWRITER -

2. After filling in the information about yourself and your parents, go before a notary public and complete the first affidavit.

3. Get a close relative (Father, or Mother, or Aunt, or Uncle) to make second affidavit before a notary public. If a close relative cannot be reached, someone who has known you all your life may make the second affidavit.

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4. Then you must get together at least two documents written about you over five years ago, which will help in proving your Age and Place of Birth. - Such as a statement from an insurance company if the policy is over five years old; a statement from the Census Bureau at Washington, showing how you were listed in the next census after your birth; a public school record; a baptismal record (if Catholic or Episcopalian); etc., etc. SEE OTHER SIDE OF THIS SHEET.

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5. For most purposes during this war copies of birth records should be certified, and bear the State Board of Health seal. To get a certified copy send money order for fifty cents payable to the Mississippi State Board of Health. DO NOT SEND CASH.

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6. Do not mail the State Board of Health any of the above mentioned items until you are able to send all in one envelope, which will be:

   a. The Delayed Certificate of Birth, prepared as directed under Paragraph 2 and 3, above.

   b. Two or more pieces of Documentary Proof, described in Paragraph 4, above.

   c. Money order for fifty cents payable to the Mississippi State Board of Health.

   d. A short letter from you giving your name and full address.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

DELAYED BIRTH REGISTRATION

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Forms of Documents and other Evidence which may be submitted to the Mississippi State Board of Health by an Applicant in proving Parentage, Mississippi Birth, and Date of Birth.

FURNISH AT LEAST TWO OF THESE OR SIMILAR DOCUMENTS.

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1. A statement from the U. S. Bureau of the Census in Washington concerning the Applicant and his or her parents as shown in the next census made after the applicant's birth. (Printed form with instructions for writing the Census Bureau is attached). If a $3.00 money order made out to the U. S. Treasury is included with this request to the Bureau of the Census, you may expect an early reply.

2. A statement from the Insurance Company, if the applicant has a policy over five years old, even though the policy is not now in force. (Blank for writing insurance company is attached).

3. A certified Baptismal Certificate. A Catholic or Episcopalian can usually secure such a certificate from his original church.

4. If you were married in Mississippi between June, 1926, and July, 1938, send us date and county of marriage, and name of wife before her marriage. We will probably have your marriage record on file and it will serve as proof on your birth certificate.

5. A birth certificate of a son or daughter born more than five years ago furnishes excellent proof of age and Mississippi birth of the father or mother. If the child was born in Mississippi, send us the name, date, and place of birth. If born in another state, and you need this proof to complete your own birth certificate, write the State Board of Health of the other state, giving name of child, date and place of birth; send them a money order for fifty cents and ask for a certified copy of the child's birth certificate.

6. A school certificate sworn to by the Superintendent of the School, or by the County Superintendent of Education, will show age and parentage of the applicant when he first entered school.

7. Army Discharge (War of 1918) will help to prove age and place of birth.

8. If the physician who attended the birth is still living, his affidavit is acceptable, especially as to names of parents and Mississippi birth of the Applicant.

9. The Mississippi State Board of Health has a book of births of McComb City, Mississippi, dating back to July 1, 1901; a book of births for Jackson, Mississippi, dating back to November 2, 1910; and a book of births for Gulfport, Mississippi, 1906-1912, inclusive.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

FORM VS-379

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of The Census

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF STILLBIRTH

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

State File Number

Registrar's Number

1. PLACE OF STILLBIRTH—
County ..... City or Town or Street and No. ..... Inside or Outside Corporate Limits? ..... or Rural Precinct .....
Hospital .....
Mother's Stay Before Delivery—(a) In Hospital .....(b) In the Community .....

2. RESIDENCE OF MOTHER—
State ..... County ..... City or Town ..... or Rural Precinct .....

3. NAME OF CHILD STILLBORN

4. Date of birth ..... (Month) (Day) (Year)

5. Sex: .....

6. Twin or triplet ..... If so—born 1st, 2d, or 3d .....

7. Number months of pregnancy .....

8. Is mother married? .....

FATHER OF CHILD

9. Full name .....
10. Color or race ..... 11. Age at time of this birth ..... yrs.
12. Birthplace ..... (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
13. Usual occupation .....
14. Industry or business .....

MOTHER OF CHILD

15. Full maiden name .....
16. Color or race ..... 17. Age at time of this birth ..... yrs.
18. Birthplace ..... (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
19. Usual occupation .....
20. Industry or business .....

21. Children born to this mother:
(a) How many children of this mother are now living? .....
(b) How many children were born alive but are now dead? .....
(c) How many other children were born dead? .....

22. Mother's usual mailing address .....

23. Did child die before labor? ..... During labor? .....
24. Pregnancy, complications of .....
25. Labor: (a) Complications of .....
..... (b) Induced? .....
26 (a) Was there an operation for delivery? ..... (Yes or no)
(b) State all operations, if any .....
(c) Did child die before operation? ..... or during operation? .....

27. Cause of stillbirth (state only morbid conditions causing fetal death. Do not use such terms as prematurity, asphyxia, etc.):
(a) Fetal causes .....
(b) Maternal causes .....

28. I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child who was born dead at the hour of ..... m. on the date above stated.
Signature ..... (Specify if M. D., midwife or other)
Address .....

29 (a) Informant .....
(b) Address .....
30 (a) Burial, cremation, or removal ..... (b) Date ..... (Month day year)
(c) Place of burial or cremation .....
31 (a) Signature of funeral director .....
(b) Address .....

32 (a) Statement of local registrar or coroner if physician was not present at stillbirth .....
(b) Signature ..... Title .....
33. Date filed with local registrar .....
34. Registrar's own signature .....

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTRARS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

ALSO

TO PHYSICIANS AND UNDERTAKERS

FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND CO-OPERATION

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

[1938]

INSTRUCTIONS TO COUNTY AND DISTRICT REGISTRARS

The County and District Registrar's allegiance is to the State Board of Health.

The County or District Registrar represents the Division of Vital Statistics of the Mississippi State Board of Health in his (or her) registration area. He should not hesitate to enforce the rules and regulations of the Board of Health governing birth and death registration. Every effort should be made by friendly tactics to secure prompt and accurate reporting, but when these methods fail, the registrar is expected to *enforce* the rules and regulations. There is no reason for permitting one individual to delay his or her certificates month after month, and in many instances fail to file the required records altogether.

HOW REGISTRARS ARE PAID

County and District Registrars are paid quarterly. The division of Vital Statistics sends out vouchers to the registrars showing the amount each is due for sending in birth and death certificates during the preceding three months.

For births and deaths occurring in towns of 5000 or more inhabitants, registrars are paid twenty-five cents for each certificate. In places of less than 5000 people, the registrar receives forty cents for each certificate sent in on time, and twenty-five cents for certificates that are delayed, or are materially incorrect, whether it be his fault or the fault of others.

The voucher received by the registrar should be filed immediately with the Chancery Clerk who places the same before the Board of Supervisors for payment. Vouchers are due in January, April, July and October.

THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The regulations require that each registrar make his report to the State Division of Vital Statistics on the tenth of each month; and a "report" means birth and death certificates for the previous month, and any delayed certificates - together with the report card,(Form V.S. 12) properly filled out to correspond to the certificates enclosed. The report will not be considered as delayed if it reaches the State Division before the 18th of the month, but it should reach the Division by the 12th. Along with the card and certificates should be sent any monthly reports from hospitals, undertakers and coffin dealers that may be in the registrar's hands.

In counties having full-time health departments, the registrars have been directed to mail or turn over their reports to the health officers, who in turn mail them on to the State Division about the 15th of the month.

BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS

Provide a special piece of furniture (whether homemade or not) for keeping all records in proper order.

Every registrar must copy his birth certificates in his Birth

Record Book each month before mailing same on the tenth. He must also do the same for his death certificates, using his Death Record Book. Certificates should be numbered, beginning each year with Number 1 for Births and Number 1 for deaths, on the certificates and in the Record Books.

HOW BIRTH CERTIFICATES ARE FILED

The rules and regulations governing birth registration require the person who attends a birth (Doctor or Midwife) to file the certificate within ten days with the registrar of the district or county in which the birth occurred. However, no complaint is made if the certificate is filed by the first of the next month, before the registrar makes his report. If there be no attendant, then the father or mother should make the birth report.

In case of twins or triplets, etc., a separate birth certificate must be made for each child. Try to get each twin named and numbered in order of birth, as first born, or second born, etc. This item is very important for records in births of this nature. (Item 5 on the blank--Also, Item 27).

STILLBIRTHS

A stillborn child is one that shows no evidence of life after birth.

Stillborn children are registered only as births. They are not registered at all unless gestation has advanced through the fifth month.

BACK RECORDS OF BIRTHS

There is now no regulation permitting the filing of a birth certificate of any person older than *twelve* years of age. Send the proper information to the State Division so a search may be made, if the person was born since November 1, 1912. The record may be already on file. If not on file, the State office furnishes a special blank for registering any birth that occurred less than thirteen and over two years ago, and another form for any person over twelve years of age; but in the latter case the record must be used direct. It cannot be accepted for filing by the State Division.

HOW DEATH CERTIFICATES ARE FILED

The regulations of the Board of Health require that the undertaker, shall be held responsible for the completion of the death certificate in every case where his hearse is used in the burial of any deceased individual. The undertaker must obtain family history of the deceased from a reliable member of the family, and must have that individual sign his or her name under Item No. 17 (Informant and Address). The undertaker must also see that the proper date of death is stated under Item 21, and must sign his name in ink and give his address under Item 19. The undertaker must present the death certificate to the last physician in attendance for completion of that portion of the certificate headed "Medical Certificate of Death" and the signature of the physician must appear on the certificate.

DEATHS WITHOUT MEDICAL ATTENTION

If no physician has recently attended the case, the undertaker should present the certificate to the local health officer for certification, or if there is no local health officer, then the registrar may state as nearly as possible the cause of death. Also, a statement should be written on the certificate showing that no physician was in attendance.

VIOLENT AND ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

For any death due to violence or to an accident, Items 23 and 24 must be fully completed.

If a death was due to foul or suspicious means, the matter must be turned over to the coroner for his investigation, and he should state on the death certificate the findings in the case and sign his name as coroner.

Deaths from accidental and violent means will be very carefully and extensively tabulated in the future in every state. Be sure that every question on the death certificate in such a case is fully and completely answered. (Items 23 and 24).

Coroners, sheriffs, and others can often furnish complete and authentic information for your violent deaths.

STILLBORN

For a child *born dead*, no death certificate should be prepared, but a birth certificate must be made in every case for any stillbirth that has developed through five months gestation.

PERMITS

If the death occurred in a town of five thousand or more population, the undertaker must get the certificate completed and present the same to the registrar for a burial or removal or transit permit before the body is disposed of.

If the death occurs in any place of less than five thousand people, no permit is required, but the undertaker must file the certificate with the registrar within five days after death.

However, if the body is to be shipped across the State line, the undertaker must secure a transit permit to be carried into the other State. This is essential because of the fact that other states require that a permit be brought in with the body for burial.

If any individual or undertaker makes application to disinter a body already buried, for the purpose of removing to some other point for reburial, the disinterment permit should be completed and sent to this office for signature, and the same will be signed immediately and returned to the person asking for permission to disinter and remove the body. The registrar retains the completed permit after disinterment and reburial have been made.

CERTIFICATES MUST BE COMPLETE

The County or District Registrar must see that every death certificate and every birth certificate is as complete as possible before he makes his report each month. By taking pains to examine these certificates carefully when received, a great deal of correspondence and lost time can be eliminated. Of course, in certain cases it is impossible to get such items as family history, especially with old Negroes; but there should be no excuse for such items being omitted as the Date, Sex,Color, Address, Legitimacy, and so forth.

SIGNATURES

Registrars *must not* sign names of physicians and undertakers on certificates. If a certificate is sent in without the proper signature, get the signature, or if that is impossible, the name and address of the person who should have signed should be written.on the margin of the certificate. Registrars may sign midwives' names to birth certificates when such midwives cannot write.

The registrar must sign his own name to every certificate before mailing to the Division of Vital Statistics, and he should also state the date the certificate was filed with him.

PROMOTIONAL WORK

Arrange to visit every doctor, midwife, undertaker, coffin dealer, and hospital in the County, and have an understanding with each one of them as to how certificates and reports are to be turned over to you by the time your report day arrives; but remember that a death certificate must be filed with you *within five days after death.*

(a) It may be best to send out postal cards to doctors and midwives on a day near the end of the month setting a time you will call on the first or second day of the next month and asking that all certificates be ready. Midwives may be met in their groups at certain points, but you should go to doctors' offices. While on this round close inquiries should be made of citizens relative to births and deaths that have come to their attention.

(b) Arrangements may be made with doctors and midwives to mail their certificates on the first of every month. It would pay to furnish each doctor a stamped envelope for this purpose. As for the midwives, the leader of each midwife club could collect certificates from the members. However, follow whatever plans you find best suited for good registration in your own registration area.

(c) All hospitals, coffin dealers, and undertakers are required to report to the State Division on the first of each month. Have those in your area make these reports direct to you so you can check them against birth and death certificates received. Send such reports along with your certificates. Registrars receiving these monthly reports should copy information from them pertaining to individuals dying in other counties, and send this information to the registrars of said counties. This data will be of material aid in getting certificates on all persons dying in each county. Hospital reports apply only to the county in which the hospital is located. Here is a fine opportunity for cooperation among county registrars.

Watch newspaper accounts of births and deaths--make continual inquiries among visitors to the County Seat from different parts of the County--go to gatherings in different sections as you have opportunity--visit schools and ask for information--put notices in your county papers --publish monthly lists of births and deaths but do not publish their addresses--keep yourself and your job before the people all the time.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INFORMATION

The Division of Vital Statistics was established for the purpose of keeping records of births and deaths on November 1, 1912.

The Legislature authorized the State Division to begin keeping records of marriages and divorces in the early part of the year 1926. The same law authorized the Division to collect records of marriages that occurred prior to the year 1926. (By October 1, 1937, over 300,000 such back records of marriages had been collected in the State Division of Vital Statistics.)

The law requires the Division of Vital Statistics to make a charge of fifty cents (50¢) for issuing a certified copy of any birth, death, marriage, or divorce record. This fee should always be sent in the form of a money-order. When a request is sent in for a certified copy of a certificate, the name, date, and county should be clearly indicated. If the request is made for a birth certificate, the father's name should also be stated.

The Board of Health some years ago directed that no registrar is authorized to issue a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. All certified copies are issued by the State Division of Vital Statistics. Registrars may mail a certificate in advance to the State division when a certified copy is requested. It is not good practice to send these certificates by individuals.

A statement may be given by a registrar on request showing some person has died, giving name, color, date and place of death, but other items, such as *age, cause of death, etc.*, must not appear in the statement.

Birth record books may be examined by school officials to determine ages of children desiring to enter school for the first time.

The Attorney General of the State has ruled that birth and death certificates are not public records until they are filed with the State office. Do not allow individuals to examine your certificates.

Registrars are particularly cautioned not to furnish any person, firm or corporation any names and addresses connected with births and deaths. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR POSITION AS REGISTRAR IF YOU DO SO. (Names without addresses may be published in newspapers.)

CORRECT STATEMENTS OF CAUSES OF DEATH

It is a matter of great importance to have on the death certificate as nearly as possible the accurate cause of death.

Causes of death are tabulated throughout most of the civilized world on a uniform basis -- in other words, so as to correspond with the adopted International List of Causes of Death.

Very often a physician is not able to give full information on cause of death, but he should so state on the certificate. However, in a majority of cases he can state the cause of death in terms that will correspond to those on the uniform list.

For instance, suppose a physician states that CANCER or TUBERCULOSIS was the cause of death, and does not state what part of the body was affected. He does not give the full information necessary, because cancer deaths and tuberculosis deaths are classified by portions of the body involved. We have to write hundreds of letters every year to doctors in Mississippi for just this additional information on cancer and tuberculosis.

Hundreds of other letters to physicians could be avoided if the following points could be kept in mind:

HEART DISEASE should always show the particular form of heart trouble - such as mitral regurgitation, aortic stenosis, chronic endocarditis, chronic myocarditis, and so forth. *Acute* myocarditis and *acute* endocarditis should show the *cause* or stated as "Cause unknown."

NEPHRITIS (Brights Disease) should always be properly qualified. Acceptable terms are chronic interstitial nephritis, or chronic parenchymatous nephritis. *Acute* nephritis should always be accompanied with statement of predisposing cause, or "Cause unknown."

PNEUMONIA should be stated principally as *Lobar* pneumonia or *Bronchial* pneumonia, but bronchial pneumonia should always be qualified by giving the predisposing cause, or stated as "primary" or by the statement "Cause unknown." "Terminal" pneumonia or "hypostatic" pneumonia should always be clarified by giving the *predisposing* cause.

PARALYSIS should be designated - such as "General Paralysis of the Insane" - "Cerebral Hemorrhage" or "Paralysis due to ....." or "Apoplexy."

ACCIDENTAL AND VIOLENT DEATHS (Such as Homicides, Suicides, Automobile, and other accidental deaths):

About 140,000 people die in the United States every year by accidental and violent means. Approximately 2250 such deaths occur annually in Mississippi. Every state is endeavoring to get full information on these causes of death.

Items 23 and 24 should be completely answered in every accidental or violent death. Each question is of prime importance. Give not only the day of injury but also the hour; and the *place* of injury should show the county (or State) and the exact spot as near as possible.

Registrars, physicians, undertakers, officers, and others should not hesitate to answer additional inquiries which are made relative to accidental and violent deaths. The replies are kept confidential and used only in preparing statistics.

The CAUSE should always accompany such statements as the following when either of them appear on a death certificate:

ABSCESS
ACCIDENT
ACIDOSIS
ASCITES
ASTHENIA
ATROPHY
CONGESTION
CONVULSIONS
CROUP
DEBILITY
DILATATION
 of the Stomach
 of the Heart
DROPSY
ECLAMPSIA
EODEMA
EXHAUSTION
FRACTURE
GANGRENE
GASTRITIS
HEMORRHAGE
HYSTERECTOMY
INANITION
INFECTION
INFLAMMATION
JAUNDICE
MALNUTRITION
MENINGITIS
OPERATION
PERITONITIS
PLEURISY
POISONING
SALPINGITIS
SCLEROSIS
SEPTICEMIA
SHOCK
TOXEMIA
UREMIA

Examine all death certificates carefully, and if you find some causes of death which are vague, show the doctor what you see printed here, and ask him to make additional statements.

You will probably see your doctors before you make your report on the tenth of each month - so this additional information should not be very hard to get.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF REGISTRARS
(Effective March 1, 1938)

Please make changes as notified by using blanks at bottom of each page.

COUNTY	REGISTRAR	ADDRESS
ADAMS	Mrs. Eliza M. Parham	Natchez Miss..
(Charity Hosp	W. D. Deterly	Natchez
ALCORN	Mrs. Ellie Springer	Corinth
AMITE	Miss Irma Westbrook	Liberty
ATTALA	Mrs. R. R. Watts	Kosciusko
BENTON	Mrs. Delphia E. McDonald	Ashland
BOLIVAR		
(1st Dist.)	Mrs. C. C. Morris	Rosedale
(2nd Dist.)	Miss Ruth Naron	Cleveland
CALHOUN	Mrs. Esther Bennett	Calhoun City
CARROLL		
(1st Dist.)	Mrs. Vardaman Campbell	N. Carrollton
(2nd Dist.)	Mrs. B. P. Cain	Vaiden
CHICKASAW		
(1st Dist.)	Mrs. Mary R. Harrington	Houston
(2nd Dist.)	Mrs. Porter Davis	Okolona
CHOCTAW	D. H. Quinn	Ackerman
CLAIBORNE	Mrs. Mary H. Moore	Port Gibson
CLARKE	Mrs. Nellie Case	Quitman
CLAY	Mrs. Iva H. McClellan	West Point
COAHOMA		
(Clarksdale & Lyon)	Miss Mercedes McConnell	Clarksdale
(Friars Point, Farrell and Stovall)	Miss Daisy Fisher	Friars Point
(Jonestown)	Dr. D. O. Pierce	Jonestown
(Coahoma)	W. E. Lewis	Coahoma
(Lula & Rich)	Mrs. Daisy B. Harris	Lula
(Mattson & Dublin)	Dr. D. H. Raney	Mattson
(Bobo)	S. R. Faust	Bobo
(Sherard & Hillhouse)	Howard Parker	Hillhouse
(Fishing Bayou)	Mrs. Garner Johnson	Clarksdale, R 2
(King & Anderson)	J. C. Stevens	Dickerson
COPIAH	Mrs. J. F. Scarborough	Hazlehurst
(Crystal Springs)	Mrs. J. M. Dampeer	Crystal Springs
COVINGTON	Miss Allie I. McLeod	Mt. Olive
DESOTO	Mrs. Edna R. Campbell	Hernando
FORREST	Miss Verna Beach	Hattiesburg
FRANKLIN	Miss Marguerite Costley	Meadville
GEORGE	Mrs. S. E. McEachern	Lucedale
GREENE	Mrs. Lorena Skehan	Leakesville
GRENADA	Miss Cornie Perry	Grenada
HANCOCK		
(Bay St. Louis and Waveland)	Dr. C. L. Horton	Bay St. Louis
(Aaron Academy)	Mrs W. P. Blackwell	Nicholson
(Ansley)	Hy Schwartz	Ansley
(Caesar)	A. J. Bilbo	Picayune
(Crane Creek)	Calvin Shaw	Perkinston
(Kiln and Fenton)	F. Fuente	Kiln
(Flat Top)	Felton Whitfield	Picayune
(Gainesville)	Theo. Totenhorst	Picayune Rt. 1
(Lakeshore)	Edwin Green	Lakeshore
(Logtown)	C. W. Fountain	Logtown
(Parker)	Thomas W. Dossett	Picayune, RFD
(Standard)	Mrs. Irene Ladner	Pass Chistian

HARRISON		
(Gulfport, Hansboro, & Miss. City)	Dr. Charles LeBaron	Gulfport
(Biloxi, Beauvior, & Woolmarket)	Dr. B. Z. Welch	Biloxi
(Long Beach, and Willow Springs)	Laura Littlepage	Gulfport
(Pass Christian)	Mrs. C. B. Adam	Pass Christian
(Saucier, Crescent)	Mrs. Florence Leidigh	Saucier
(DeLisle)	Mrs. N. NeCaise	DeLisle
(Lyman)	B. B. Hatten	Lyman
(Advance)	Newton Shaw	Perkinston
HINDS	E. C. Gaynor	Jackson
HOLMES	Mrs. Jennie Thweatt	Durant
HUMPHREYS	Miss Maxine Brewer	Belzoni
ISSAQUENA	Mrs. Alice Lee	Mayersville
ITAWAMBA	Mrs. Myrtle Gillentine	Fulton
JACKSON		
(Moss Pt., Creole, and East Side)	Dr. J. F. Colley	Moss Point
(Pascagoula)	Miss Kate Denny	Pascagoula
(Ocean Spgs., Larue, Jacobs)	Byrl Bailey	Ocean Springs
(Latimer)	D. L. Delancy	Larue
(Escatawpa)	Mrs. George Thompson	Escatawpa
(Bluff Creek)	Mrs. Gladys Ramsey	Ocean Spgs., RFD
(Hurley)	E. G. Mizelle	Hurley
(Wade)	Mrs. R. C. Faggard	Wade
(Orange Grove)	Miss M. L. Leuba	Orange Grove
(West Pascagoula and Gautier)	Walter Gautier	Gautier
(Pecan)	H. W. Stark	Pecan
(Carterville)	C. Dalton Havens	Perkinston, RFD
(Big Point)	Mrs. Hubert S. Goff	Big Point
JASPER	Mrs. J. A. McFarland	Bay Springs
JEFFERSON	Mrs. A. C. Puffer	Fayette
JEFF DAVIS	Mrs. Lela McNease	Carson
JONES	Mrs. Eva T. Cranford	Ellisville
KEMPER	H. T. Jackson	DeKalb
(Electric Mills)	Dr. A. M. McCarthy	Electric Mills
LAFAYETTE	Dr. W. W. Phillips	Oxford
LAMAR	G. J. Thomas	Purvis
LAUDERDALE	Inman Cooper	Meridian
LAWRENCE	Mrs T. F. Conn	Monticello
LEAKE	Mrs. Ruth Chadwick	Carthage
LEE	Mrs. J. A. Cottrell	Tupelo
LEFLORE	Mrs. Cornelia Jordan	Greenwood
LINCOLN	Mrs. Alice B. Hardison	Brookhaven
LOWNDES	Mrs. Anne Shackelford	Columbus
MADISON	Miss Edna Cordts	Canton
MARION	Mrs. J. E. Watts	Columbia
MARSHALL	Mrs. Garland Ragsdale	Holly Springs
MONROE		
(1st Dist.)	Mrs. Mary M. Mims	Aberdeen
(2nd Dist.)	Miss Mamie Jones	Amory
MONTGOMERY	Mrs. Sue Siddon	Sweatman
NESHOBA	Miss Alma Cook	Philadelphia
NEWTON	Mrs. C. D. Beeman	Newton
(Union & Vicinity)	Mrs. Z. C. Hagan	Union
NOXUBEE	Mrs. Ora H. Bethany	Macon
OKTIBBEHA	H. C. McCreight	Starkville
PANOLA	Dr. G. H. Wood	Batesville
(Sardis)	Dr. J. M. Anderson	Sardis
PEARL RIVER		
(1st Dist.)	H. K. McKee	Picayune
(2nd Dist.)	Bruce Breland	Poplarville

PERRY	Miss May Belle Long	New Augusta
PIKE	Mrs. Julia M. Vaughn	McComb
PONTOTOC	Miss Velma Sudduth	Pontotoc
PRENTISS	Miss Louella Rogers	Booneville
QUITMAN	Mrs. E. A. McVey	Lambert
RANKIN	Mrs. Audrey Lee Webb	Florence Rt. 4
SCOTT	Mrs. W. C. Anderson	Forest
SHARKEY	Mrs. E. E. Turnipseed	Rolling Fork
SIMPSON	R. K. Mahaffey	Mendenhall
SMITH	F. S. Huff	Raleigh
STONE	Mrs. Emma Lancaster	Wiggins
SUNFLOWER		
(Indianola, Heathman, & Johnson's Mill)	Miss Eleanor Steele	Indianola
(Moorhead & Baird)	W. E. Stevenson	Moorhead
(Ruleville)	E. D. Burke	Ruleville
(Drew, Dwiggins, & Lombardy)	C. R. Hughes	Drew
(Inverness)	Mrs. Alma Spencer	Inverness
(Rome)	Dr. J. C. Herrington	Rome
(Dockery)	W. T. Jones	Dockery
(Doddsville)	Mrs. J. T. Coleman	Doddsville
(Hale)	Dr. A. M. Liddell	Shaw
(Sunflower)	Robert P. Roberts	Sunflower
(Blaine)	Mrs. J. H. Barksdale	Blaine
TALLAHATCHIE		
(1st Dist.)	Mrs. Isabel Summers	Charleston
(2nd Dist.)	Miss Christine Lay	Sumner
TATE	Dr. W. D. Smith	Senatobia
TIPPAH	Howell Alvis	Ripley
TISHOMINGO	Mrs. Ruby Gardner	Iuka
TUNICA	Mrs. L. C. Shannon	Tunica
UNION	Curtis E. Miller	New Albany
WALTHALL	Mrs. Trixie Copes	Tylertown
WARREN		
(Vicksburg, Cedar Grove, & Yokena)	Dr. F. Michael Smith	Vicksburg
(Bovina)	Dr. H. H. Austin	Bovina
(Brunswick)	Rev. C. S. Slater	Brunswick
(Oak Ridge)	C. J. Henry	Oak Ridge
(Redwood)	H. D. Gaunt	Redwood
(Redbone)	Wesley Carter	Cedars, RFD
WASHINGTON	Mrs. Minnie G. Reise	Greenville
WAYNE	Miss Theresa Wilson	Waynesboro
WEBSTER	Mrs. Willie B. Parker	Stewart
WILKINSON	Mrs. Clarke McKey	Centerville
WINSTON	Mrs. E. L. Richardson	Louisville
YALOBUSHA		
(1st Dist.)	Mrs. Vera L. Rogers	Coffeeville
(2nd Dist.)	Miss Lottie Brown	Water Valley
YAZOO		
(Yazoo City, Eden, Benton, Crumps, Center Ridge, Robinette, Tokeba, Valley, Enola, and Zion)	Dr. H. L. McCalip	Yazoo City
(Satartia)	S. H. Childress	Satartia
(Bentonia & Dover)	Mrs. C. F. Harris	Bentonia
(Deasonville, Hartown & Fugates)	Dr. H. E. Frizell	Vaughn
(Fairview & Holly Bluff)	Dr. H. C. Owen	Holly Bluff
(Midway & Free Run)	Dr. W. C. Smith	Zeiglerville
(Phoenix)	Mrs. D. M. Busby	Phoenix

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing

BIRTH AND DEATH REGISTRATION

REVISED JUNE, 1941

Every Person Affected Should Preserve
a Copy for Reference

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Division of Vital Statistics
Jackson, Mississippi

I, FELIX J. UNDERWOOD, *Secretary and Executive Officer of the Mississippi State Board of Health, do hereby certify that the attached are the Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Health, governing birth and death registration in this State.*

All these attached rules and regulations have been thoroughly promulgated to all parties concerned.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this the.....

day of....., *nineteen hundred and*.....

(SIGNED).....M. D.

Secretary and Executive Officer,
Mississippi State Board of Health.

IN RE: PUBLIC INSPECTION OF RECORDS OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, AND DIVORCES

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Mississippi State Board of Health,

That the records of births, diseases, deaths, marriages, and divorces on file in the Division of Vital Statistics, although public records and accessible to the public at reasonable times and for proper purposes, shall not be available to public inspection when it would appear that the purpose of such inspection is idle curiosity, or to obtain names for advertising purposes, or for any purpose that might be construed as against public welfare, health, safety or morals, or against public policy.

That every officer and employee in the Division of Vital Statistics is hereby cautioned to observe this order and show such records to the public only in conformity with the same.

APPROVED this the 13th Day of December, 1940.

FELIX J. UNDERWOOD, M. D., Secretary.

VITAL STATISTICS LAWS

BIRTH AND DEATH REGISTRATION; MORBIDITY

(Ch. 149, Laws 1912; Sec. 4904-4910, Code of 1930, as Amended by Ch. 44, Laws of 1928; Ch. 209, Laws 1936; Ch. 269, Laws of 1938.)

AN ACT authorizing the State Board of Health to establish a Bureau of Vital Statistics; provide for the registration of births and deaths; the granting of burial or removal permits; the reporting of morbidity statistics; the election of a State Registrar of Vital Statistics and other assistants and remuneration for the same.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That a Bureau of Vital Statistics shall be established by the State Board of Health, which shall provide an adequate system for the registration of births and deaths and preservation of vital statistics on forms prescribed by said Board of Health, and provide adequate methods for enforcing the laws and orders of the Board relating to health matters of the State.

Provided, however, that in the event a child is legally adopted by proceedings in a chancery court of this state and a certified copy of the decree of adoption is filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics, a birth certificate issued to any person showing the registration of birth of such adopted child shall show the names of the adoptive or foster parents in lieu of the names of the natural parents of said child and shall show any change in the legal name of said child in lieu of the original name of said child, but in all other particulars shall show the true facts of birth. (Ch. 269, Laws of 1938.)

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the State Board of Health shall act as State Registrar of Vital Statistics, and his compensation for said duties shall be fixed by the said Board, and it shall be his duty to carry into effect the rules, regulations, and orders of the State Board of Health, provided for the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and the said Board shall provide for such clerical and other assistance as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act, and may fix the compensation of persons thus employed within the amount appropriated for the health work by the Legislature, and provide suitable apartments, properly equipped with fireproof vaults and filing cases, for the permanent and safe preservation of all official records made and returned to said bureau.

Sec. 3. That for the purposes of this Act the said State Board of Health may divide the State into registration districts, defining and designating the boundaries thereof and appointing local registrars in each district.

Sec. 4. That the said Board of Health shall formulate and promulgate rules and regulations for the proper reporting and registration of morbidity and vital statistics, prescribing the method and form of making such registration.

Sec. 5. That any copy of the records of birth, sickness, or death,

when properly certified to by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, to be a true copy thereof, shall be prima facie in all courts and places of the facts therein stated.

Sec. 6. Each local registrar shall be paid the sum of twenty-five cents for each birth and each death certificate, properly made out in the manner and on the form required by the State Board of Health, same to be paid by the Board of Supervisors of the County in which the registration district is located, upon certification made annually—between January 1 and February 20—to the Board of Supervisors by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics; except that in any county where not more than two registrars are serving, the Board of Supervisors shall pay said registrar or registrars, quarterly on quarterly certification from the State Registrar.

Provided, that in any registration district in which there is no municipality of five thousand or more inhabitants, the local registrar shall receive as his compensation the sum of forty cents for each birth and each death certificate, provided, further, that said Registrar shall receive only twenty-five cents for each birth and each death certificate sent in to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at a later time than fixed by the regulations of the State Board of Health.

Provided, further, that in case of death, resignation, or removal of a local Registrar at any time during the year, the State Registrar of Vital Statistics may then make certification to the Board of Supervisors of the amount due such Registrar for sending in birth and death certificates up to the time of said death, resignation, or removal; and the Board of Supervisors shall pay said amount on presentation of said certification.

Sec. 7. That any person or persons who shall violate any rule, regulation, or order of the State Board of Health relative to recording, reporting, or filing information for the Bureau of Vital Statistics, or who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform any duties imposed upon them by said orders, or who shall furnish false information for the purpose of making incorrect records for said Bureau, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding sixty days, or suffer both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 8. That all laws and Acts, or parts of Acts in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. That this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE REPORTS

Chapter 164, Laws of 1926—Amended by Chapter 132, Laws of 1928; Sections 4933-4941, Code of 1930; Section 1426, Code of 1930; and Chapter 293, Laws of 1938; provide for statistical reports of marriages by circuit clerks and for statistical reports of divorces by chancery clerks.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH GOVERNING THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ACT APPROVED MARCH 11, 1912

Authorizing the State Board of Health to establish a Bureau of Vital Statistics; provide for the registration of births and deaths; the granting of burial or removal permits; the reporting of morbidity statistics; the election of a State Registrar of Vital Statistics and other assistants and remuneration for the same.

REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION DISTRICT

Rule 1. For the purpose of this Act the State shall be divided into Registration Districts as follows: Each city, town, village, and election precinct shall constitute a primary registration district.

Provided that the State Registrar may combine two or more of said primary registration districts into one primary registration district.

APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR

Rule 2. (As amended Dec. 13, 1940) The State Registrar shall appoint some person residing in each registration district to serve as Registrar of that district, provided that the following may not be appointed as registrar: (a) Practicing physician or member of his household or assistant in his office; (b) County health officer, or any of his personnel serving on full-time basis; (c) Undertaker or member of his household, or anyone in his employ.

DEPUTY REGISTRAR

Rule 3. Each registrar shall appoint a deputy to be approved by the State Registrar, whose duty it shall be to act instead of the registrar in case of absence, illness, or disability, who shall accept such appointment in writing, and who shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the actions of registrars.

REMOVAL OF REGISTRARS

Rule 4. Any registrar, or deputy registrar, who fails or neglects to efficiently discharge the duties of his office in accordance with the Act providing for the registration of births and deaths, or the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health governing the same, shall be forthwith removed from the office by the State Registrar, in addition to the other penalties that may be imposed under Section 7 of the Act.

REGISTRATION OF LIVE BIRTHS

Rule 5 (A) (Adopted June 23, 1939.) In order that this State may secure statistics on births which will be uniform with such records in other States, every live birth occuring in this State shall be registered on the Standard blank form prepared and furnished by the State Board of Health, said form containing the following:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of The Census

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

State File Number

Registrar's Number

1. PLACE OF BIRTH—
County ..... City or Town ..... Inside or Outside Corporate Limits? .....
Hospital ..... or Street and No. ..... or Rural Precinct .....
Mother's Stay Before Delivery—(a) In Hospital ..... (b) In the Community .....

2. RESIDENCE OF MOTHER—
State ..... County ..... City or Town ..... or Rural Precinct .....

3. FULL NAME OF CHILD ..... 4. DATE OF BIRTH 19

5. Boy or Girl? | 6. Twin or Triplet? | If so—born 1st., 2d., or 3d. | 7. Number Months of Pregnancy | 8. Is Mother Married?

FATHER OF CHILD		MOTHER OF CHILD	
9. Full Name		15. Full Maiden Name	
10. Color or Race	11. Age at Time of this Birth ..... Yrs.	16. Color or Race	17. Age at Time of this Birth ..... Yrs.
12. Where Born?		18. Where Born?	
13. Usual Occupation		19. Usual Occupation	
14. Industry or Business		20. Industry or Business	

21. CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER:
(a) How many other children of this mother are now living? .....

22. Mother's Mailing Address for Registration Notice

(b) How many other children were born alive but are now dead? ..... (c) How many children were born dead? .....

23. I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child who was born alive at the hour of ..... M. on the date above stated, and that the information given was furnished by ..... related to this child as .....

24. Date Rec'd. by Registrar ..... 19 (Signed) .....

25. Signature of Registrar ..... Address .....

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of The Census

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF STILLBIRTH
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

State File Number

Registrar's Number

1. PLACE OF STILLBIRTH—
County | City or Town, or Street and No. | Inside or Outside Corporate Limits?, or Rural Precinct
Hospital
Mother's Stay Before Delivery—(a) In Hospital ....(b) In the Community

2. RESIDENCE OF MOTHER—
State | County | City or Town | or Rural Precinct

3. NAME OF CHILD STILLBORN

4. Date of birth _____ (Month) (Day) (Year)

5. Sex: _____

6. Twin or triplet _____ If so—born 1st, 2d, or 3d _____

7. Number months of pregnancy _____

8. Is mother married? _____

FATHER OF CHILD	MOTHER OF CHILD
9. Full name	15. Full maiden name
10. Color or race ____ 11. Age at time of this birth ____ yrs.	16. Color or race ____ 17. Age at time of this birth ____ yrs.
12. Birthplace (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)	18. Birthplace (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
13. Usual occupation	19. Usual occupation
14. Industry or business	20. Industry or business

21. Children born to this mother:
(a) How many children of this mother are now living?
(b) How many children were born alive but are now dead?
(c) How many other children were born dead?

22. Mother's usual mailing address

23. Did child die before labor? _____ During labor? _____

24. Pregnancy, complications of

25. Labor: (a) Complications of

(b) Induced? _____

26 (a) Was there an operation for delivery? _____ (Yes or no)
(b) State all operations, if any

(c) Did child die before operation? _____ or during operation? _____

27. Cause of stillbirth (state only morbid conditions causing fetal death. Do not use such terms as prematurity, asphyxia, etc.):
(a) Fetal causes
(b) Maternal causes

28. I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child who was born dead at the hour of ____ m. on the date above stated.

Signature _____ (Specify if M. D., midwife or other)
Address

29 (a) Informant
(b) Address
30 (a) Burial, cremation, or removal _____ (b) Date _____ (Month day year)
(c) Place of burial or cremation
31 (a) Signature of funeral director
(b) Address

32 (a) Statement of local registrar or coroner if physician was not present at stillbirth
(b) Signature _____ Title _____
33. Date filed with local registrar
34. Registrar's own signature

REGISTRATION OF STILLBIRTHS

Rule 5 (B) (Adopted June 23, 1939.) In order that this State may secure statistics on stillbirths which will be uniform with such records in other States, every stillbirth occurring in this State shall be registered on the Standard blank form prepared and furnished by the State Board of Health, said form containing the following:

Rule 5 (C) (Adopted June 23, 1939.) IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, That the following birth certificate blank content is approved in order that the conditions set forth in Chapter 269, Laws of 1938, relative to adopted children may be met by the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health:

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

ADOPTION CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

1. PLACE OF BIRTH

County _____ Dist No. _____ Reg. No. _____

Voting Precinct _____ or Village _____

or City _____ (Hospital) _____

2. Full name of child _____

3. Male or Female 4. Date of Birth 19

FOSTER FATHER	FOSTER MOTHER
5. Full Name _____	11. Full Name Before Marriage _____
6. Address _____	12. Address _____
7. Color _____ 8. Age _____ Yrs.	13. Color _____ 14. Age _____ Yrs.
9. Where Born _____	15. Where Born _____
10. Occupation	16. Occupation

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child who was _____ at _____ m., on the date above stated. (Born alive or stillborn)

(Signed) _____, M. D.

Filed _____ 19 _____ or _____, Midwife

_____ Registrar Address _____

Address _____

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That no adoption certificate of birth be prepared unless the original record of birth of the child in question is on file in the Division of Vital Statistics, and that the information to be placed on the adoption certificate under Items 1 to 4, inclusive, and the certificate of attending physician or midwife shall be copied from the original birth record with the exception that under Item 2 the full name of the child shall be the name given by order of the Chancery Court; and further, that the information under Items 5 to 16, inclusive, shall be obtained from the foster father and the foster mother; answers from the foster father and foster mother to be true as of the date of the court decree.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the original certificate of birth be removed from the regular files and placed with the certified copy of the court decree in a special file known as the "Adoption File."

IN RE: ADOPTIONS

(Amendment—Approved Jan. 23, 1941)

It is hereby ordered by the Mississippi State Board of Health,

That when the original birth record of an adopted child born in this State is not on file, and said child in its infancy was under the care of an orphan's home, a home finding society or other institution, the Director of Vital Statistics may accept a birth certificate of said child made from original records on file with such institution when sworn to by the superintendent of the same, and one other individual familiar with the records of the institution.

HOW LIVE BIRTH CERTIFICATES ARE FILED

Rule 6. All live births that occur in the State shall be registered in the districts in which they occur, as hereinafter provided.

All certificates of live birth shall be written legibly, in unfading ink; and no certificate shall be complete and correct that does not supply all of the items of information called for therein, or satisfactorily account for their omission.

It shall be the duty of the attending physician or midwife to file a certificate of live birth, properly and completely filled out on a blank provided by the Board of Health, giving all of the particulars required by Rule 5 (A), with the registrar of the district in which the birth occurred, within ten days after the date of birth. And if there be no attending physician or midwife, then it shall be the duty of the father or mother of the child, householder or owner of the premises, manager or superintendent of public or private institution in which the birth occurred, to register the birth as specified.

In case of twins or triplets, etc., a separate birth certificate must be made for each child.

The attendant on a birth must sign the certificate, and give his or her address and date of signature; provided, that a certificate of birth shall not be required for a child which has not advanced through the fifth month (20th week) of uterogestation.

CHILD'S NAME

Rule 7. The attendant on a live birth must make every effort possible to secure the full name of the child for the registrar before said registrar reports the birth to the State Department of Vital Statistics.

When any certificate of birth of a living child is presented without the statement of the given name, then the registrar shall make out and deliver to the parent of the child, a special blank for the supplemental report of the given name of the child, which shall be filled out as directed, and returned to the registrar as soon as the child shall have been named.

HOW STILLBIRTH CERTIFICATES ARE FILED

Definition of a Stillbirth—A fetus showing no evidence of life after complete birth, providing uterogestation has advanced through 5 months (20 weeks) or more.

Rule 8. All stillbirths that occur in the State shall be registered in the districts in which they occur, as hereinafter provided.

All certificates of stillbirth shall be written legibly, in unfading ink; and no certificate shall be complete and correct that does not supply all of the items of information called for therein, or satisfactorily account for their omissions.

It shall be the duty of the attending physician or midwife to prepare immediately a certificate of stillbirth, properly and completely filled out on a blank provided by the Board of Health, giving all of the particulars required by Rule 5 (B) (to item 29). And if there be no attending physician or midwife, then it shall be the duty of the father or mother of the child, householder or owner of the premises, manager or superintendent of public or private institution in which the birth occurred, to prepare the certificate as specified.

In case of twins or triplets, etc., a separate certificate must be made for each child.

The attendant on a stillbirth must sign the certificate, and give his or her address and date of signature.

It shall be the duty of the undertaker or acting undertaker to secure from the attending physician or midwife the certificate of a stillborn child, complete items 29 (A) through 31 (B) and file the same within five days after the stillbirth occurred, with the registrar of the district in which the event took place; and if no undertaker or acting undertaker secures the certificate, the physician or midwife shall deliver the same to the registrar within ten days after stillbirth occurred.

DELAYED BIRTH REGISTRATION

Rule 9. (As amended Dec. 13, 1940, and June 27, 1941). It is hereby ordered by the State Board of Health that Rule 9 of the Rules and Regulations Governing Birth and Death Registration be amended so as to read as follows:

Any individual born in the State of Mississippi whose birth has not been registered, may have his or her birth recorded in the Division of Vital Statistics after complying with the requirements set forth below.

(a) For a child two years old or younger the birth may be registered on the regular form as current births are registered.

(b) For a child over two and under thirteen years of age the birth must be registered on a special blank prepared by the State Board of Health and the record sworn to by two individuals thoroughly acquainted with the facts.

(c) For an individual over twelve years of age a "Delayed Certificate of Birth" blank prepared by the State Board of Health must be completed, and sworn to by two individuals thoroughly acquainted with the facts. One of the two affidavits may be executed by the applicant himself. In addition to the said Delayed Certificate of Birth record, the applicant must furnish a transcript from the U. S. Bureau of the Census showing his name, age, Mississippi birth, and names of one or both parents, as taken from census records of the next census following applicant's birth. A transcript from a later census will be acceptable, but will not be regarded by this Board as Class A evidence.

(d) The Delayed Certificate of Birth form referred to above (Section c) shall contain the following items of information: Full name of applicant, sex, place and date of birth; name of father, maiden name of mother, color of parents, and their places of birth. In addition to above items the Director shall detail near the bottom of the blank any corroborative evidence presented by the applicant.

(e) If any required evidence cannot be produced, the Director of Vital Statistics is authorized to accept instead any other authentic proof of the facts connected with the age, parentage, and place of birth of the individual concerned.

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

Rule 10. (As ammended June 27, 1941). Any physician, or other person who attends an illegitimate birth may file the certificate of such birth directly with the Department of Vital Statistics, but such certificate must be filed with said Bureau not later than the first of the month immediately succeeding the month of birth.

No information relative to the father of an illegitimate child shall appear on the birth certificate.

REGISTRARS TO KEEP RECORDS

Rule 11. Every registrar must copy his birth and stillbirth certificates in his Birth Record Book each month before mailing same on the 5th. He must also do the same for his death certificates—copying these in his Death Record Book. Certificate should begin with No. 1 for births and No. 1 for deaths, at the beginning of each year.

However, if the county health department is keeping a card record of all births and deaths, such file may be substituted for the registrar's record books.

OVER ONE MILLION BIRTH CERTIFICATES ARE IN THIS VAULT

PRESENT DAY URGENCY

For Prompt and Accurate Registration

School Age — Six Years

A child must be six years of age to enter a public school in Mississippi. Numerous school superintendents in the State each year mail to this Division lists of new pupils to find their dates of birth. In some states it is a legal requirement to show a birth record before entering school.

Proof of Age for a Position

No birth certificate, no job! This is getting to be true all over the country. You must prove your **age** and **citizenship** to get a job with Uncle Sam. Many industries now require a birth record with every application for a position. Boys and girls have failed to secure positions because they were not registered at birth.

Army — Navy — C. C. C.

A birth record must accompany the application for enlistment in the Army, Navy, and the C. C. C.

Uncle Sam must know your **age,** and he must know **where** you were born before he figures on your other qualifications.

Marriage

The laws of Mississippi set the minimum legal ages for marriage at 21 years for the groom and 18 years for the bride. Below these ages consent of parents or guardians is required.

Be fortified with a birth record to prove you are old enough to marry.

Passport

Would you like a trip abroad? Well-to-do folks generally go. A boy or girl born poor may some day be able to go over the sea.

You must possess a birth certificate to get a passport.

Birth Records Should Be ACCURATE

Those who attend births should take great pains to see that all questions on a birth certificate are correctly answered by the mother, and the handwriting done with care, and with good ink.

Also, the mother should be concerned and use every effort to see that her child is properly recorded and promptly registered.

These records are filed in the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health where they are kept for generations.

A birth certificate is of even greater value to a poor child than to a wealthy one. So, in fact, the poorer a family may be, the greater the reason for registering the birth of each child.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of the Census

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File No.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Registrar's No.

1. PLACE OF DEATH—
County ..... City or Town or Street and Number ..... Inside or Outside Corporate Limits? or Rural Precinct .....
Hospital .....
Length of Stay Before Death, (a) in Hospital ..... (b) in this Community .....

2. RESIDENCE BEFORE DEATH—
State ..... County ..... City or Town ..... or Rural Precinct .....

3. (a) FULL NAME ..... | If Foreign Born How Long in U. S.? Yrs.

3. (b) If veteran, name war ..... 3 (c) Social Security No. .....

4. Sex ..... 5. Color or Race ..... 6 (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced .....

6 (b) Name of husband or wife ..... 6 (c) Age of husband or wife if alive ..... years

7. Birth date of deceased ..... (Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE: Years ..... Months ..... Days ..... If less than one day ..... hr. ..... min.

9. Birthplace ..... (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

10. Usual occupation .....

11. Industry or business .....

MOTHER FATHER

12. Name .....

13. Birthplace ..... (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

14. Maiden name .....

15. Birthplace ..... (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

16 (a) Informant's signature .....

(b) Address .....

17 (a) ..... (b) Date ..... (Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)

(c) Place .....

18 (a) Signature, funeral director .....

(b) Address .....

19 (a) ..... (b) ..... (Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

20. Date of death: Month ..... day ..... year ..... hour ..... A. M. or ..... P. M.

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from ..... , 19..... , to ..... , 19..... ; that I last saw h... alive on ..... , 19..... ; and that death occurred on the data and hour stated above.

	DURATION
Immediate cause of death	
Due to	
Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)	

MAJOR FINDINGS:
Of operations .....
Of autopsy .....

PHYSICIAN

Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) .....
(b) Date of occurrence .....
(c) Where did injury occur? (City or town) (County) (State)
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? (Specify type of place)
While at work? ..... (e) Means of injury .....

23. Signature ..... , M. D.
Address ..... Date Signed .....

Rule 12. (Adopted June 23, 1939). In order that this State may secure statistics on deaths which will be uniform with such records in other states, every death occurring in this State shall be registered on the Standard blank form prepared and furnished by the State Board of Health, said form containing the following:

IN RE: STANDARD CERTIFICATE BLANKS

As ordered June 23, 1939, under Rules 5 (a), (b), (c), and Rule 12.

That present rules and regulations of the Board of Health, or parts of such rules and regulations in conflict with this order shall be so construed as to conform to the contents of these new standard certificate blanks.

REGISTRATION OF DEATHS

Rule 13. No dead human body shall be held out for Burial, Cremation, or other such disposition in Mississippi longer than forty-eight (48) hours after death, unless the same has been thoroughly embalmed by a licensed embalmer.

UNDERTAKER TO FILE DEATH CERTIFICATE

and Obtain Permit (where required)

Rule 14. The undertaker or person acting as undertaker shall be responsible for obtaining and filing the certificate of death with the registrar of the district in which the death occurred. He shall obtain the personal and statistical particulars from the person best qualified to supply them, over the signature and address of the informant. He shall then present the certificate to the attending physician, if any, or to the health officer or coroner, as directed by the registrar, for the medical certificate of the cause of death, and other particulars necessary to complete the record. He shall then state the facts required relative to the date of death and date and place of burial, over his signature and with his address, and present the completed certificate to the registrar within five days after the death occurred.

Except that when a body is to be transported across the State line for final disposition in another state the completed death certificate must be delivered to the registrar and a burial-transit permit obtained prior to the removal of the body, in accord with Rules 15 and 23 of these Rules and Regulations. In such case the Undertaker shall deliver the burial-transit permit to the proper authority in the other state; or shall attach the burial-transit permit to the box containing the corpse, when the same is to be shipped by any transportation company. (See Rule 23, for Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Bodies in the State of Mississippi).

DISINTERMENT PERMIT

Rule 15. No dead body shall be disinterred in Mississippi for transportation without a permit being given by the Mississippi State Board of Health for such disinterment; and said permit shall be presented to the registrar of the district in which the body is to be disinterred, who shall in turn issue a transportation permit if the body is to be re-interred in another state. Disinterred remains for transportation shall be incased in a metal casket or metal lined box and hermetically sealed; provided, that bodies in a receiving vault when prepared by licensed embalmers shall not be regarded as disinterred bodies until the expiration of thirty days.

IN RE: BURIAL-TRANSIT PERMIT

Rule 16. (As adopted June 27, 1941). It is hereby ordered by the Mississippi State Board of Health:

That, after May 1, 1941, no undertaker or acting undertaker will be required to obtain a burial-transit permit in this State for disposition of any dead body, except under the following conidtions:

(a) The regulation burial-transit permit must be obtained as heretofore when a body is to be transported across the State line for burial or cremation in another State, in accord with Rule 23.

(b) A permit accompanying a body brought into Mississippi for burial must be delivered by the funeral director within five days to the registrar of the district in which the body is interred, in accord with Rule 23.

(c) A disinterment permit must be obtained as heretofore, from the State Board of Health, when a body is to be disinterred for reinterment in another place, in accord with Rule 23.

(d) Every undertaker or acting undertaker before burying a dead body in a cemetery with a regular sexton employed who is keeping a record of burials, shall present said sexton, on a blank furnished by the State Board of Health, certain information as required by Rule 17.

(e) In any case where no permit is required a complete death certificate must be filed by the undertaker or acting undertaker with the registrar of the district in which the death took place, and such certificate must be filed within five days after the death occurred.

That all rules and regulations or parts of rules and regulations in conflict with this order are hereby repealed.

INFORMATION FOR SEXTON

Rule 17. When a body is to be buried in a cemetery with a regular sexton employed, and the sexton is keeping a record of his burials, it shall be the duty of the undertaker to furnish said sexton at the time of the interment, the following information, either in the form of the regular burial permit, when required, or where permits are not required at the place of death, then on a special blank: 1. Name, age and sex of deceased; 2. Place of death; 3. Cause of death; 4. Date of burial; 5. Name and address of undertaker.

FALSE INFORMATION

Rule 18. If the undertaker who secures information for a death certificate has reason to believe that any item has been answered falsely for the purpose of making an incorrect death record, it shall be the duty of said undertaker to inform the State Board of Health within five days after the death occurred, of such false information, at the same time furnishing the Board of Health with particulars as to name of deceased,

date and place of death, name and address of party furnishing the false information, and the item, or items, of information believed to be false and given in for the purpose of making an incorrect record.

DEATH WITHOUT MEDICAL ATTENTION

Rule 19. In the case of a death where no physician was used, the health officer, if one is near, should fill out the physician's side of the death certificate. If no health officer is available the registrar is authorized to complete the certificate, and should state that there was no attending physician; also should give cause of death according to whatever information may be available. Death from suspicious or foul means should be referred to the coroner for investigation and certification (by the coroner) on the death certificate.

Rule 20. If no undertaker used his hearse in the disposition of a dead body, then the procedure just outlined in rules 13 to 19, inclusive must be followed by the acting undertaker or by the nearest relative of the deceased.

PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT ON DEATH CERTIFICATE

Rule 21. The "Medical Certificate" on the death certificate blank shall be completed by, and signed by, the last physician in attendance on the deceased. Said physician shall also indicate on the blank the date of his certification.

DELAYED DEATH CERTIFICATES

Rule 22. No certificate for a death that occurred more than one year prior to request for filing shall be accepted by the Department of Vital Statistics, unless said record be supported by affidavits of at least two reliable persons, who shall be the undertaker or acting undertaker, or coffin seller, and the last physician in attendance, if available.

Provided, further, that no death certificate shall be accepted by the Department for any death that occurred more than five years prior to date of request for filing same.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF BODIES OF PERSONS DYING IN OR BURIED IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

(Rule 23. As amended June 23, 1939 and April, 1941)

BODIES SHIPPED OUT OF THE STATE

Rule 23. (1) A Burial-Transit Permit shall first be obtained from the Registrar of the District by the undertaker, or acting undertaker, before transporting or shipping a corpse from Mississippi into another state. Said permit shall consist of the following, and the blanks for the same shall be furnished by the State Board of Health:

(a) Full Name of Deceased; Place of Death; Date of Death; Method of Disposal; Place of Disposal.

(b) Permit of Registrar.

(c) Statement and Signature of Sexton or other authority as to date and method of Disposal, to be filled in immediately after disposition of the body.

(d) When the body is to be shipped, the Burial-Transit Permit shall be attached in a strong envelope to the shipping case.

(e) If the body is to be transported by Motor Vehicle, the Burial-Transit Permit shall be delivered immediately to the proper authorities in the other state.

(f) The shipping funeral director shall state on the shipping envelope how the body is prepared; and if embalmed, the name and license number of the embalmer.

(2) The transportation into other states of bodies dead of smallpox, plague, Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, typhus fever, diphtheria (membranous croup or diphtheritic sore throat), scarlet fever, (scarlet rash or scarlatina), epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis, erysipelas, anthrax, and leprosy, shall be permitted only under the following conditions: The body shall be thoroughly embalmed with an approved disinfectant fluid, all orifices shall be closed with absorbent cotton, the body shall be washed with the disinfectant fluid, and placed at once in the coffin or casket which shall be immediately closed, and the coffin or casket shall be placed in a strong well made outside case.

(3) Transportation of bodies dead of any disease other than those mentioned in Section 2 shall be permitted under the following conditions:

(a) When the destination can be reached within twenty-four hours after death, the coffin or casket shall be enclosed in a strong well made outside case, and may be shipped or transported without embalming.

(b) When the destination cannot be reached within twenty-four hours after death, the body shall be thoroughly embalmed, and the coffin or casket placed in a strong well made outside shipping case.

(4) When a dead body is transported from another state into Mis-

sissippi for burial, then the transit and removal permit, issued in accordance with the law and health regulations of the place where death occurred, shall be delivered within five days by the undertaker to the registrar of the district where interment was made, together with a statement by the undertaker over his signature showing date and place of burial.

(5) No dead body shall be disinterred in Mississippi for transportation without a permit being given by the Mississippi State Board of Health for such disinterment; and said permit shall be presented to the registrar of the district in which the body is to be disinterred, who shall in turn issue a transportation permit if the body is to be re-interred in another state. Disinterred remains for transportation shall be incased in a metal casket or metal lined box and hermetically sealed; provided, that bodies in a receiving vault when prepared by licensed embalmers shall not be regarded as disinterred bodies until the expiration of thirty days. (Rule 15).

(6) The outside case may be omitted in all instances when the body is transported in hearse or funeral director's conveyance.

(7) Every outside case shall bear at least four handles and when over five feet six inches in length shall bear six handles.

(8) The term embalming as employed in these rules shall require injection arterially, in addition to cavity injection, of an approved embalming fluid by a licensed embalmer until the body is properly embalmed.

RULE 24. TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE STATE

Rule 24. (1) Transportation within the State is defined as shipping or transporting a dead body from one county to another county in the State for burial or other disposition.

(2) For transportation of bodies within the State, no Burial-Transit Permit is required, but when no permit is required, the undertaker in charge must observe Rule 17 of the Rules and Regulations wherever a sexton is keeping records of burials in his cemetery.

(3) When the destination cannot be reached within twenty-four (24) hours after death, the body shall be thoroughly embalmed by a licensed embalmer.

Except that a body for transportation in a first class container to the State University, for dissection purposes, may not be embalmed under 36 hours after death. (Amendment November 28, 1936).

(4) Every coffin or casket for transporting a body within the State shall be strongly and safely constructed.

(5) The transportation of bodies dead of smallpox, plague, Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, typhus fever, diphtheria (membranous croup or diphtheritic sore throat), scarlet fever (scarlet rash or scarlatina), epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis, anthrax, and leprosy shall be permitted only under the following conditions: The body shall be thoroughly embalmed with an approved disinfectant fluid, all orifices shall be closed with absorbent cotton, the body shall be washed with the disinfectant

fluid and placed at once in the coffin or casket, which shall be immediately closed; and no coffin or casket containing a body dead of one of the above mentioned diseases shall be opened for inspection of the body.

(6) No disinterred body, offensive to smell, shall be transported in this State unless encased in a metal casket or metal lined box, and hermetically sealed.

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REPORTS

UNDERTAKERS TO MAKE MONTHLY REPORTS

Rule 25. For the purpose of obtaining an additional check on death registration in Mississippi, it is hereby ordered by the Mississippi State Board of Health that on the first day of every month, each and every person, firm, corporation, burial society, or burial association, engaged in the business of burying dead persons, shall make a report to the Department, or its designated agent, showing the following data relative to each and every dead person buried during the previous month by such person, firm, corporation, burial society, or burial association: (1) name of deceased; (2) color; (3) county in which death occurred; (4) date of death; (5) name of registrar to whom the death certificate was delivered.

COFFIN DEALERS' RECORDS AND REPORTS

Rule 26. Every person, firm, or corporation selling a casket, shall keep a record showing the name of the purchaser, purchaser's post office address, name of deceased, date and county of death of deceased, and name and address of nearest relative of the deceased living in the home or in the community at the time of the death. This record to be open to inspection of the State Registrar at all times. On the first day of each month the person, firm, or corporation selling caskets shall report to the State Registrar, or his designated agent, each sale for the preceding month, on a blank provided for that purpose, and containing the following information: (1) name of deceased; (2) color; (3) county of the death; (4) date of death; (5) name and address of nearest relatives; (6) relation of said relative to deceased. Provided, however, no person, firm, or cor-

poration selling caskets only to dealers or undertakers shall be required to keep such records, nor shall such reports be required from undertakers when they have direct charge of the disposition of a dead body.

Every person, firm, or corporation selling a casket at retail and not having charge of the disposition of the body, shall enclose within the casket a blank death certificate and a notice furnished by the State Registrar calling the attention of the family of the deceased to the requirements of the law, and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health concerning the burial or other disposition of a dead body; and shall write at the bottom of said notice the name of the registrar of the district in which the death occurred.

Every person, firm, or corporation selling caskets at retail shall obtain from the State Registrar of Vital Statistics at least once a year a list of registrars of all counties in which caskets are sold by him or them.

The name of the person, firm, or corporation selling a casket shall be written on the reverse side of the blank death certificate placed inside of the casket.

HOSPITAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

Rule 27. (As amended June 27, 1941.) All superintendents or managers, or other persons in charge of hospitals, almshouses, lying-in or other institutions, public or private, to which persons resort for treatment of diseases, confinements, or are committed by process of law, are hereby required to make a record for each inmate on admittance of all the personal and statistical particulars that are required in the forms of birth and death certificates provided for by the Rules and Regulations, and as directed by the State Registrar. The personal particulars and information required by this section shall be obtained from the individual himself if it is practicable to do so; and when they can not be so obtained, they shall be secured in as complete a manner as possible from relatives, friends, or other persons acquainted with the facts.

Except that for persons resorting to said institutions for confinement, the personal and statistical particulars shall be entered on the standard birth (or stillbirth) certificate blank supplied by the Mississippi State Board of Health, and it shall be the duty of the Superintendent or manager of the institution immediately after each live birth occurs to prepare a live birth certificate in detail and secure the signature thereon of the attendant at the birth; and in the case of a stillborn child to prepare a stillbirth certificate through Item 22; then to have the attendant on the stillbirth complete Items 23 through 28 including his signature; then to have the undertaker or other person taking charge of the body to complete Items 29, 30, and 31. Completed live birth certificates and stillbirth certificates must be turned over to the registrar of the district on request of the registrar, except that when the body of a stillborn infant is to be transported across the State line the undertaker, or acting undertaker, must exchange the stillborn birth certificate with the registrar for a burial-transit permit.

It shall be the duty of every hospital in the state, through its super-

intendent or manager, to make a report to the State Department of Vital Statistics, through the registrar of the district where the hospital is located, on the first day of each month, on blanks provided by the State Board of Health, showing a complete list of births and deaths occurring in the hospital during the preceding month, and giving in detail the following information relative to each birth: (1) Date of Birth, (2) Name of Father, (3) Address of Father, (4) Name of Attendant; and giving in detail the following information relative to each death: (1) Name and Age of Deceased, (2) Date of Death, (3) Previous Address, (4) Name of Attending Physician, (5) Disposition of the Body. Every stillbirth shall be reported as a birth only.

In case of an illegitimate child, the report must show the name of the mother instead of the name of the father.

REGISTRAR'S REPORTS

Rule 28. (As revised Dec. 13, 1940). It shall be the duty of the Registrar to supply blank forms to such persons as require them and he shall carefully examine each certificate of birth or death when presented for record to see that it has been made out in accordance with the provisions of the rules and regulations and the instructions of the State Registrar; and if any certificate is incomplete or unsatisfactory, it shall be his duty to secure the proper information. And he shall on the fifth day of each month transmit to the State Registrar, or to the County Health Officer if so directed, all of the original certificates of births and deaths registered with him during the preceding month, together with a summary card, and such other reports as he may have received from undertakers, coffin dealers, hospitals, etc., but the health officer must forward said report to the Division of Vital Statistics not later than the 7th of the month.

INCOMPLETE CERTIFICATES

Rule 29. The State Registrar shall carefully examine the certificates received monthly from registrars, and if any such are incomplete or unsatisfactory he shall require such further information to be furnished as may be necessary to make the record complete and satisfactory. And all physicians, midwives, informants, or undertakers, connected with any case, and all other persons having knowledge of the facts, are hereby required to furnish such information as they may possess regarding any birth or death, upon demand of the State Registrar in person, by mail, or through the registrar.

GENERAL RULES

BLANK FORMS

Rule 30. The State Registrar shall prepare, print, and supply all registrars all blanks and forms used is registering, recording, and preserving the returns, or in otherwise carrying out the purposes of this Act; and shall prepare and issue such detailed instructions as may be required to secure the uniform observance of its provisions and maintenance of a

perfect system of registration. And no other blanks shall be used than those supplied by the State Registrar.

BINDING AND INDEXING

Rule 31. The State Registrar shall furnish, arrange, bind, and permanently preserve the certificates in a systematic manner, and shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive and continuous index of all births and deaths registered.

CERTIFIED COPIES OF CERTIFICATES

Rule 32. The State Registrar shall, upon request, furnish any applicant a certified copy of the record of any birth or death registered under provisions of this Act, for making and certification of which he shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents to be paid by the applicant. For any search of the files and records, when no certified copy is made, the State Registrar shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents for each hour or fractional hour of the time of search, to be paid by the applicant. And the State Registrar shall keep a true and correct account of all fees received by him under these provisions, and turn the same over to the State Treasurer quarterly.

Provided, further, that no registrar shall issue a plain copy or certified copy of any record of birth or death.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING REGULATIONS

PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES

Rule 33. If any physician, who was in medical attendance upon any deceased person at the time of death shall neglect or refuse to make out and deliver to the undertaker, sexton, or other person in charge of the interment, removal, or other disposition of the body, upon request, the medical certificate of cause of death, hereinbefore provided.

Or, if any physician or midwife, in attendance upon a case of confinement, or any other person charged with responsibility for reporting births, who shall neglect or refuse to file a proper certificate of birth with the registrar within the time required by Rule 6 shall be deemed guilty of violation of Section 7 of the Act.

UNDERTAKERS, SEXTONS, ETC.

Rule 34. If any undertaker, sexton, or other person acting as undertaker, shall inter, remove, or otherwise dispose of the body of any deceased person, without having received a burial or removal permit as herein provided he shall be deemed guilty of violation of Section 7 of the Act.

REGISTRARS

Rule 35. If any registrar, or deputy registrar, or sub-registrar who shall neglect or fail to enforce the provisions of this Act in his district, or shall neglect or refuse to perform any of the duties imposed upon him by this Act or by the instructions and direction of the State Registrar, shall be deemed guilty of violation of Section 7 of the Act.

ALTERING CERTIFICATES, ETC.

Rule 36. If any person who shall wilfully alter any certificate of birth or death, or the copy of any certificate of birth or death on file in the office of the local or State Registrar, shall be deemed guilty of violation of Section 7 of the Act. Any other person, or persons who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act and the Rules and Regulations, or shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform any duties imposed upon them by the provisions of the Act, and the Rules and Regulations, or shall furnish false information to a physician, undertaker, midwife or informant, for the purpose of making incorrect certification of births or deaths shall be guilty of violation of Section 7 of the Act.

TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES

Rule 37. Any transportation company or common carrier transporting or carrying, or accepting through its agents or employees for transportation or carriage, the body of any deceased person, without an accompanying permit issued in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Regulations, shall be deemed guilty of violation of Section 7 of the Act; provided, that in case the death occurred outside of the State, and the body is accompanied by a certificate of death, burial or removal or transit permit issued in accordance with law or Board of Health regulations in force where the death occurred, such death certificate, burial or removal or transit permit, may be held to authorize the transportation or carriage of the body into or through the State.

REGISTRARS TO ENFORCE REGULATIONS

Rule 38. Registrars are hereby charged with the strict and thorough enforcement of the provisions of this Act in their districts, under the supervision and direction of the State Registrar. And they shall make an immediate report to the State Registrar of any violations of this law, coming to their notice by observation or upon complaint of any person, or otherwise. The State Registrar under the direction of the State Board of Health is hereby charged with the thorough and efficient execution of the provisions of the Act and the Rules and Regulations in every part of the State, and with the supervisory power over registrars, to the end that all of the requirements shall be uniformly complied with. He shall have authority to investigate cases of irregularity or violation of law, personally or by accredited representative, and all registrars shall aid him, upon request, in such investigations. When he shall deem it necessary, he shall report cases of violation of any of the provisions of this Act to the prosecuting attorney of the proper county, with a statement of facts and circumstances, and when any such case is reported to them by the State Registrar, all prosecuting attorneys shall forthwith initiate and prosecute the necessary proceedings against the parties responsible for the alleged violation of the law.

FELIX J. UNDERWOOD, M. D.
Secretary and Executive Officer
Mississippi State Board of Health

PREPARATION AND FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

1. The new Standard Live Birth, Stillbirth, and Death blanks should be used exclusively. All old forms should be discarded, if any are left on hand.

2. Every item on the blank should be carefully answered with information obtained from the individual best informed in the case. Physicians will please carry the "Birth Record Note Book" along and get correct data for birth certificates from the new mothers themselves. This note book will also be the doctor's stub book.

3. Each certificate should be prepared as neatly as possible with pen and good ink. Typing is acceptable, if the letters are clear. Physicians and undertakers should know that nearly half the certificates are photographed and sent to the families concerned.

4. **Stillbirths** are to be recorded only on the new Standard Stillbirth certificate blank.

5. **Signatures.** Birth and Death certificates are legal records. Physicians and undertakers must sign in ink. A record may be challenged in court, or by some other person or agency if signatures are not properly done. The registrar signs each certificate. The "informant" must sign on the death certificate.

6. **Filing.** Our county registrars are now Special Agents of the Bureau of the Census, and can cooperate with physicians and undertakers in filing certificates. In a county with full-time health department, immediate filing of each certificate with the registrar would be a great help to the health officer; also to the Social Security Board with which many of our citizens are now concerned. Death certificates should never be filed later than 5 days after death.

7. The Division of Vital Statistics of the Mississippi State Board of Health was organized November 1, 1912. From that time to November 1, 1939 — twenty-seven years — approximately 1,216,000 live births were registered, together with 614,000 deaths. In addition, since January 1, 1926, this Division has registered approximately 400,000 marriages and 36,000 divorces. Also, there have been secured about 300,000 card records of marriages in the State dating from the earliest times to January 1, 1926.

THE VALUE OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE

FIRST — What a Death Certificate IS NOT.

The certificate of Death as prepared by the undertaker is not simply a scrap of paper. It is not merely a blank filled out because the registration law requires such a formality. It is not just a piece of writing to be laid upon a musty shelf and never referred to again. It is not merely a few facts and figures to be combined with other such records and certain statistics derived therefrom.

SECOND — What a Death Certificate IS.

1. It is a living record of a dead personality. No matter how lowly in life, or how highly esteemed — the infant, the sharecropper, the prince or the king—each must have a death certificate prepared at death. The same blank is used for the pauper as is used for the king.

2. The Death Certificate is a legal record — a living witness of facts, not only for today, but for generations to come. A fortune may hinge on a death certificate.

3. Death records constitute the barometer of the health conditions of a community, or state, or a nation. From year to year they portray the progress we are making, or failing to make, in our battles with the grim reaper.

4. The Death Certificate is a family record. For over a quarter of a century it has been unnecessary for citizens of Mississippi to enter their deaths in the family Bible, which wears out easily, and which goes up in smoke along with other household effects when the house burns down.

Therefore, Death Certificates should be promptly and accurately compiled, and then filed with all diligence, with the registrar who transmits them to the Division of Vital Statistics of the Mississippi State Board of Health.

Social Security

Nearly 50,000,000 persons have been given Social Security numbers in the United States — about one-third of the entire population. The Social Security Board must have immediate proof of death of any number holder. Arrangements for such proof have been made through state and local registrars.

Therefore, this constitutes one of the modern and important reasons for prompt and accurate filing of certificates of death. Always think of Social Security in connection with a death. A space is provided for the number on the death certificate.

MODERN EQUIPMENT

FOR HANDLING MISSISSIPPI'S VITAL STATISTICS

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LEGISLATION CONCERNING DEATH RECORDS

The act of June 26, 1822, required the assessors of taxes in the several counties, at the time of making their next assessment and for three succeeding years, to make an enumeration of births, deaths and persons over 70 years of age in their counties and report it to the Secretary of State who was to lay it before the Legislature.[1] The assessor received a fee of 5 cents for each person so enumerated. No records compiled under this law have been found.

By a law approved March 1, 1878, it was made the duty of the State Board of Health, to exercise general supervision of the State system of registration of births, marriages and deaths.[2] The secretary of the board was made Superintendent of Vital Statistics in the State. It was provided that records of deaths, births, and marriages should be filed with the clerk of the circuit court. This provision was repealed by the act of March 4, 1880.[3]

From 1897 to 1912, the function of collecting complete death statistics was assigned to a county board consisting of 5 physicians, one from each supervisor's district, appointed by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics. The Hospital Medical College at Vicksburg acted as the State Bureau of Vital Statistics until 1906. It was provided that the county board might keep books for registering deaths which occured in the counties. The State Bureau was required to make an annual report to the State Department of Health concerning statistical work done in the State during the preceeding year.[4] Since no funds were provided this law was never carried out.

Death registration with the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health was established in Mississippi by the act of 1912.[5] By the end of 1938, a total of 591,436 deaths had been registered.[6]

NO DEATH CERTIFICATES OR COPIES THEREOF ARE AVAILABLE EXCEPT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH. Records of deaths kept in the counties are copies or abstracts of the originals sent to the State Board. Because of the tendency to consolidate registration districts and the fact that the County Health Officer is the most important health official in the county, records are listed under his office even though they may, in part, be in the possession of the local registrars. Where there is no Health Office records are listed with the Registrar.

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1. L. M. 1822, p. 24.
2. L. M. 1878, p. 131.
3. L. M. 1880, p. 160.
4. L. M. 1897, p. 15; Code 1906, sec. 1645.
5. L. M. 1912, pp. 158-159; Code 1917, secs. 4868-4874; Code 1930, secs. 4904-4910.
6. Mississippi State Board of Health, Thirty-First Biennial Report, 1937-39, p. 28.

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STATE DEATH RECORDS
(See also entry 9, p. 5)

1. DEATHS, 1912--. 1437 vols. (labeled by contained certif. nos.).
Original standard death certificates filed with Division of Vital Statistics by local registrars of births and deaths, showing State file number, place of death by county, city, rural precinct, hospital, or street address; length of stay before death in hospital or in the community; residence before death by State, county, city,or rural precinct; full name of deceased; if foreign born, number of years in United States; veteran's status, if any; social security number; sex, color, or race, and marital status; name and age of husband or wife if alive; month, day and year of birth of deceased; age of deceased in years, months, and days, and in hours and minutes if less than one day of age; birthplace, usual occupation, industry or business of deceased; name and birthplace of father; full maiden name and birthplace of mother; signature and address of informant; whether buried, cremated, or removed, and date and place of burial, cremation, or removal; signature and address of funeral director; date certificate received by local registrar; signature of registrar; medical certification showing month, day, year, hour, a. m. or p. m. of death; certificate of physician of attendance on deceased; duration of attendance; last time seen alive; immediate cause of death; major findings of operation or autopsy; data as to death if due to external causes; whether accident, suicide, or homicide; whether death occured in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, or in public place, and while at work; means of injury; signature and address of physician, and date signed. Arr. alph. by name of county in which death occured, and numer. thereunder by contained State file no. For index, see entries 2, 3. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 7 x 9 x 3.

2. DEATH INDEX, 1912-40. 21 vols. (dated).
Russel-Soundex index to Deaths (entry 1), showing surname and Christian name of deceased, name of county of death, color of deceased, certificate number, and year of death. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname and alph. thereunder by first letter of Christian name. Typed, 13 vols., 1912-24, 1927-31; photostat of typed card slips, 8 vols., 1925-26, 1932-40. 200 pp. 12 x 9 x 2.

3. DEATH INDEX, Jan. 1, 1941 - Sept. 30, 1941. 77 Remington-Rand Double Panels.
Card slip index to 1941 volumes in Deaths (entry 1), showing surname and Christian name of deceased; name of county of death; color of deceased; certificate number; and year of death. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of deceased, and alph. thereunder by first letter of Christian name. Typed. Av. 90 card slips to panel 6 x 15.

Dr. R. N. Whitfield, Director, Division of Vital Statistics, Miss. State Board of Health, Jackson. Certified copy 50¢.

COUNTY DEATH RECORDS

ADAMS COUNTY (Natchez)

1879 Record (in Register of Marriages, Births and Deaths), 1 vol. Chron. by date of death. Circuit Clerk, Natchez.

1929-- Record, 1 f. d. and 5 shelves (4' x 1'). Alph. by surname of deceased. Card index. Alph. by surname of deceased. County Health Officer, Natchez.

ALCORN COUNTY (Corinth)

1938-- Record, 1 f. b. Chron. by date of death. Index alph. by surname of deceased. County Health Officer, Corinth.

AMITE COUNTY (Liberty)

1913-- Record, 12 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Liberty.

ATTALA COUNTY (Kosciusko)

1912-- Record, 40 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. Registrar, Kosciusko.

BENTON COUNTY (Ashland)

1912-- Record, 20 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Ashland.

BOLIVAR COUNTY (Rosedale-Cleveland)

1935-- Record, 1 f. b. Alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Rosedale.

CALHOUN COUNTY (Pittsboro)

1912-- Record, 31 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Pittsboro.

CARROLL COUNTY (Carrollton-Vaiden)

1912-- Record, 97 vols. Alph. by surname of deceased. No index. Registrar, Carrollton.

1916-- Record, 21 vols. Alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Vaiden.

CHICKASAW COUNTY (Houston-Okolona)

1912-- Record, 24 bundles. Alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Houston.

1915-- Record, 1 f. b. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Registrar, Okolona.

Deaths

CHOCTAW COUNTY (Ackerman)

1916-- Record, 9 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Registrar, Ackerman.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY (Port Gibson)

1915-- Record, 18 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Port Gibson.

CLARKE COUNTY (Quitman)

1916-- Record, 24 vols. Alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Quitman.

CLAY COUNTY (West Point)

1912-- Record, 190 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. Registrar, West Point.

COAHOMA COUNTY (Clarksdale)

1928-- Record, 37 vols. and 8 f. b. Alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Clarksdale.

COPIAH COUNTY (Hazlehurst)

1912-- Record, 35 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Hazlehurst.

COVINGTON COUNTY (Collins)

1912-- Record, 10 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Collins.

DESOTO COUNTY (Hernando)

1935-- Record, 14 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Hernando.

FORREST COUNTY (Hattiesburg)

1912-- Record, 3 vols. Alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Hattiesburg.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (Meadville)

1912-- Record, 24 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Registrar, Meadville.

GEORGE COUNTY (Lucedale)

1912-- Record, 16 vols. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Lucedale.

Deaths

GREENE COUNTY (Leakesville)

1935-- Record, 2 vols. and 2 f. b. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Leakesville.

GRENADA COUNTY (Grenada)

1912-- Record, 33 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Registrar, Grenada.

HANCOCK COUNTY (Bay St. Louis)

1912-- Record, 29 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Bay St. Louis.

HARRISON COUNTY (Gulfport)

1906-16 Record (Gulfport), 1 vol. Chron. by date of death. No index. Division of Vital Statistics, State Board of Health, Jackson.
1912-- Record, 70 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Gulfport.

HINDS COUNTY (Raymond-Jackson)

1925-- Record, 140 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Jackson.

HOLMES COUNTY (Lexington)

1930-- Record, 1 vol. and 2 f. b. Chron. by date of death and alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Lexington.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY (Belzoni)

1933-- Record, 1 f. d. Alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Belzoni.

ISSAQUENA COUNTY (Mayersville)

1912-- Record, 7 vols. and 2 f. b. Chron. by date of death. No index. Mayersville.

ITAWAMBA COUNTY (Fulton)

1912-- Record, 1 f. b. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Registrar, Fulton.

JACKSON COUNTY (Pascagoula)

1909-- Record, 4 shelves. Alph. by surname. No index. County Health Officer, Pascagoula.

Deaths

JASPER COUNTY (Bay Springs)

1912-- Record, 36 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Bay Springs.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (Fayette)

1912-- Record, 15 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Registrar, Fayette.

JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY (Prentiss)

1914-- Record, 37 vols. Chron. by date of death. Index alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. County Health Officer, Prentiss.

JONES COUNTY (Ellisville-Laurel)

1912-- Record, 21 vols. and 13 f. b. Chron. by date of death and alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Laurel.

KEMPER COUNTY (DeKalb)

1933-- Record, 8 vols. and 6 f. b. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, DeKalb.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY (Oxford)

1912-- Record, 53 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Oxford.

LAMAR COUNTY (Purvis)

1933-- Record, 1 f. b. Alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Purvis.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY (Meridian)

1930-- Record, 14 f. b. Alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Meridian.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (Monticello)

1935-- Record, 6 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Monticello.

LEAKE COUNTY

Not inventoried.

LEE COUNTY (Tupelo)

1932-- Record, 1 vol. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date of death and alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Tupelo.

Deaths

LEFLORE COUNTY (Greenwood)

1931-- Record, 1 f. b. Alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Greenwood.

LINCOLN COUNTY (Brookhaven)

1929-- Record, 1 vol. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date of death and alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Brookhaven.

LOWNDES COUNTY (Columbus)

1913-- Record, 82 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Columbus.

MADISON COUNTY (Canton)

1936-- Record, 2 f. b. Alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Canton.

MARION COUNTY (Columbia)

1915-- Record, 30 vols. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Columbia.

MARSHALL COUNTY (Holly Springs)

1912-- Record, 43 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Holly Springs.

MONROE COUNTY (Aberdeen)

1935-- Record, 1 f. d. Alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Aberdeen.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (Winona)

1912-- Record, 30 vols. Alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Winona.

NESHOBA COUNTY (Philadelphia)

1930-- Record, 1 f. b. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY (Decatur)

1931-- Record, 19 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. Registrar, Decatur.

NOXUBEE COUNTY (Macon)

1912-- Record, 45 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. Registrar, Macon.

Deaths

OKTIBBEHA COUNTY (Starkville)

1912-- Record, 38 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Starkville.

PANOLA COUNTY (Batesville-Sardis)

1912-- Record, 84 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Batesville.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY (Poplarville)

1935-- Record, 1 f. b. Alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Poplarville.

PERRY COUNTY (New Augusta)

1912-- Record, 20 vols. and 1 f. b. Alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, New Augusta.

PIKE COUNTY (Magnolia)

1931-- Record, 1 f. b. Alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Magnolia.

PONTOTOC COUNTY (Pontotoc)

1935-- Record, 1 f. d. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Registrar, Pontotoc.

PRENTISS COUNTY (Booneville)

1912-- Record, 24 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Booneville.

QUITMAN COUNTY (Marks)

1923-- Record, 50 vols. Alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Marks.

RANKIN COUNTY (Brandon)

1912-- Record, 44 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Brandon.

SCOTT COUNTY (Forest)

1912-- Record, 19 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. Registrar. Forest.

SHARKEY COUNTY (Rolling Fork)

1927-- Record, 5 vols. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Rolling Fork.

Deaths

SIMPSON COUNTY (Mendenhall)

1912-- Record, 38 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Mendenhall.

SMITH COUNTY (Raleigh)

1912-- Record, 14 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Raleigh.

STONE COUNTY (Wiggins)

1912-- Record, 12 vols. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date of death and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Wiggins.

SUNFLOWER COUNTY (Indianola)

1933-- Record, 3 f. b. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Indianola.

TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY (Charleston-Sumner)

1912-- Record, 40 vols. and 3 f. b. Chron. by date of death. Index alph. by surname of deceased. County Health Officer, Charleston.

TATE COUNTY (Senatobia)

1912-- Record, 15 vols. and 3 f. b. Chron. by date of death. Index alph. by surname of deceased. County Health Officer, Senatobia.

TIPPAH COUNTY (Ripley) (See also Marriages, Tippah County, p. 41)

1913-- Record, 8 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Ripley.

TISHOMINGO COUNTY (Iuka)

1938-- Record, 4 vols. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Iuka.

TUNICA COUNTY (Tunica)

1925-- Record, 20 vols. and 1 f. b. Chron. by date of death and alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Tunica.

UNION COUNTY (New Albany)

1912-- Record, 96 vols. and 1 f. d. Chron. by date of death, 1912-1936, no index; 1937--, index alph. by surname of deceased. County Health Officer, New Albany.

Deaths

WALTHALL COUNTY (Tylertown)

1914-- Record, 21 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. Registrar, Tylertown.

WARREN COUNTY (Vicksburg)

1928-- Record, 4 f. b. Chron. by date recorded. No index. County Health Officer, Vicksburg.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (Greenville)

1937-- Record, 51 vols. Chron. by date of death and alph. by surname of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Greenville.

WAYNE COUNTY (Waynesboro)

1913-- Record, 19 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Waynesboro.

WEBSTER COUNTY (Walthall)

1935-- Record, 6 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. Registrar, Walthall.

WILKINSON COUNTY (Woodville)

1912-- Record, 20 vols. Chron. by date of death. No index. Registrar, Centreville.

WINSTON COUNTY (Louisville)

1921-- Record, 25 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Registrar, Louisville and Noxapater.

YALOBUSHA COUNTY (Coffeeville-Water Valley)

1912-- Record, 14 vols. Chron. by date recorded. County Health Officer, Water Valley.

YAZOO COUNTY

Not inventoried.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of the Census

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File No.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Registrar's No.

1. PLACE OF DEATH—
County ..... City or Town ..... Inside or Outside Corporate Limits? .....
Hospital ..... or Street and Number ..... or Rural Precinct .....
Length of Stay Before Death, (a) In Hospital ..... (b) In this Community .....

2. RESIDENCE BEFORE DEATH—
State ..... County ..... City or Town ..... or Rural Precinct .....

3. (a) FULL NAME ..... If Foreign Born How Long in U. S.? ..... Yrs.

3. (b) If veteran, name war ..... 3 (c) Social Security No. .....

4. Sex ..... 5. Color or Race ..... 6 (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced .....

6 (b) Name of husband or wife ..... 6 (c) Age of husband or wife if alive ..... years

7. Birth date of deceased ..... (Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE: Years ..... Months ..... Days ..... If less than one day ..... hr. ..... min.

9. Birthplace ..... (City, town, or county) ..... (State or foreign country)

10. Usual occupation .....

11. Industry or business .....

MOTHER
12. Name .....
13. Birthplace ..... (City, town, or county) ..... (State or foreign country)

FATHER
14. Maiden name .....
15. Birthplace ..... (City, town, or county) ..... (State or foreign country)

16 (a) Informant's signature .....
(b) Address .....

17 (a) ..... (Burial, cremation, or removal) (b) Date ..... (Month) (Day) (Year)
(c) Place .....

18 (a) Signature, funeral director .....
(b) Address .....

19 (a) ..... (Date received local registrar) (b) ..... (Registrar's signature)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

20. Date of death: Month ..... day ..... year ..... hour ..... A. M. or ..... P. M.

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from ....., 19....., to ....., 19.....; that I last saw h..... alive on ....., 19.....; and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.

	DURATION
Immediate cause of death	
Due to	
Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)	

MAJOR FINDINGS:
Of operations .....
Of autopsy .....

PHYSICIAN

Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) .....
(b) Date of occurrence .....
(c) Where did injury occur? ..... (City or town) (County) (State)
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? ..... (Specify type of place)
While at work? ..... (e) Means of injury .....

23. Signature ....., M. D.
Address ..... Date Signed .....

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of The Census

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF STILLBIRTH

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

State File Number

Registrar's Number

1. PLACE OF STILLBIRTH—
County ..... City or Town or Street and No. ..... Inside or Outside Corporate Limits? ..... or Rural Precinct .....
Hospital .....
Mother's Stay Before Delivery—(a) In Hospital ..... (b) In the Community .....

2. RESIDENCE OF MOTHER—
State ..... County ..... City or Town ..... or Rural Precinct .....

3. NAME OF CHILD STILLBORN

4. Date of birth ..... (Month) (Day) (Year)

5. Sex: .....

6. Twin or triplet ..... If so—born 1st, 2d, or 3d .....

7. Number months of pregnancy .....

8. Is mother married? .....

FATHER OF CHILD	MOTHER OF CHILD
9. Full name	15. Full maiden name .....
10. Color or race ..... 11. Age at time of this birth ..... yrs.	16. Color or race ..... 17. Age at time of this birth ..... yrs.
12. Birthplace ..... (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)	18. Birthplace ..... (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
13. Usual occupation	19. Usual occupation .....
14. Industry or business	20. Industry or business .....

21. Children born to this mother:
(a) How many children of this mother are now living? .....
(b) How many children were born alive but are now dead? .....
(c) How many other children were born dead? .....

22. Mother's usual mailing address .....

23. Did child die before labor? ..... During labor? .....

24. Pregnancy, complications of .....

25. Labor: (a) Complications of .....
(b) Induced? .....

26 (a) Was there an operation for delivery? ..... (Yes or no)
(b) State all operations, if any .....
(c) Did child die before operation? ..... or during operation? .....

27. Cause of stillbirth (state only morbid conditions causing fetal death. Do not use such terms as prematurity, asphyxia, etc.):
(a) Fetal causes .....
(b) Maternal causes .....

28. I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child who was born dead at the hour of ..... m. on the date above stated.

Signature ..... (Specify if M. D., midwife or other)
Address .....

29 (a) Informant .....
(b) Address .....

30 (a) Burial, cremation, or removal ..... (b) Date ..... (Month day year)
(c) Place of burial or cremation .....

31 (a) Signature of funeral director .....
(b) Address .....

32 (a) Statement of local registrar or coroner if physician was not present at stillbirth .....
(b) Signature ..... Title .....

33. Date filed with local registrar .....

34. Registrar's own signature .....

LEGISLATION CONCERNING MARRIAGE RECORDS

Legislation requiring the keeping of marriage records in Mississippi was first enacted on February 28, 1799. This law authorized persons to be joined in marriage either after declaring or publishing their intention to marry at least 15 days before such a marriage, or procuring a license from the Governor. Officiants were required to transmit a certificate of every marriage performed to the register of the county in which the ceremony was performed.[1]

The obtaining of a license was made mandatory by laws passed in 1805 and 1807.[2] Until 1857 licenses were issued by the register of the orphan's court,[3] from 1857 to 1871 by the clerk of the probate court,[4] and since 1871 by the clerk of the circuit court.[5]

Officiants have been required to return certificates of all marriages performed to the officials issuing the licenses, to be recorded in the office of issuance.[6]

With respect to the keeping of marriage records by the State Board of Health, a law passed in 1878, but repealed in 1880, made it the duty of the circuit clerks to furnish the Board with detailed information concerning marriages, compiled from the local marriage records.[7] Since 1926 it has been mandatory that circuit clerks make regular monthly reports to the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health of licenses issued and of marriages performed in the counties.[8]

To obtain records of marriages prior to 1926, the State Board of Health was authorized in 1926 to contract with the circuit clerks of all counties to report such marriages.[9]

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8. L. M. 1926, p. 255; Code 1930, sec. 4926-4927; L. M. 1939, p. 653. See entries 3, 5, 6.
9. L. M. 1926, p. 257; L. M. 1929, p. 185; Code 1930, sec. 4940. See entries 1, 2.

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STATE MARRIAGE RECORDS

1. MARRIAGES PRIOR TO 1926, 1801-1925. 330 file drawers. Three types of cards filled out by clerks of county circuit courts from local marriage records, giving information in these local records including:

i. Marriage license issued but never cancelled and no returns made showing that marriage was ever consummated, record of; showing names of intended groom and bride, date license issued, volume and page of record in local marriage records, statement by clerk that license was never cancelled, and that no return was made to show that marriage was consummated, signature of clerk, name of county, and date of certification.

ii. Marriage record, correct copy of, showing date filed with Board of Health, names of groom and bride, color, date married, name and title of officiant at marriage ceremony, certification of clerk, volume and page of record in local marriage records, signature of clerk, name of county, and date of certification.

iii. Marriage record of persons whose color is not known, correct copy of, showing date filed with Board of Health, names of groom and bride, date married, name and title of officiant at marriage ceremony, certification of clerk, volume and page of record in local marriage records, signature of clerk, name of county, and date of certification.

Arr. according to Russel-Soundex system. No index. Approx. 325,000 cards kept in file drawers 5 x 7 x 16.

2. MARRIAGES PRIOR TO 1926, 1801-1925. 3 f. d.
Microfilmed copies of three types of cards filled out by clerks of the circuit court of all counties from local marriage records, entry 1. For contents, arrangement, and indexing, see entry 1. Microfilm. 52 100' films kept in file drawers 5 x 7 x 16.

3. MARRIAGES, 1926-April 1938. 718 vols. (1-13500). Discontinued in April 1938 in favor of punched card record, Marriages, entry 5.
Original monthly statistical reports of marriages, filled out by contracting parties prior to performance of marriage ceremony, certified to and filed by officiant with clerk of the circuit court issuing license, and delivered to Division of Vital Statistic by the clerk; showing State file number, full names, county and State of residence, present and future address, race or color of groom and bride; whether or not single, widowed, or divorced and age, place of birth, occupation, fathers' and mothers' full names; signatures of contracting parties and of witnesses certification, signature, title and address of officiant; date and place ceremony performed; date license issued; and name of county in which issued. Reverse side of form shows instructions for filling out form and citation to law of 1926 requiring form to be filled out. Arr. alph. by name of county in which license was issued, and number, thereunder by contained State file number. For index, see entry 4, below. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 8 x 9 x 2½.

4. MARRIAGE INDEX, 1926-June 1938. 11 vols. (dated). Discontinued in June 1938 in favor of punched card record, Marriages, entry 5.

Marriages (5-6)

Photostatic copies of Russel-Soundex panel indexes to Marriages (entry 3), showing surname, Christian name, and second initial of groom, initials of bride, county code number, code number denoting color (1 for white, 2 for colored), numerical indication of month, calendar year, and contained State file number. Arr. according to Russel-Soundex system. Photostat. Av. 200 pp. 6 vols., 1926-31, 14 x 11 x 3; 5 vols., 1932-38, 12 x 9 x 2.

5. MARRIAGES, July 1938-December 1941. 47 f. d.
Punched card record of marriages consummated in all counties transmitted monthly by circuit clerk, showing name of county; month; color of contracting parties; name, age, address and name of father of groom; name, age, address, and name of father of bride; date licensed; date married; name and title of officiant; volume and page of record in local marriage records; signature of clerk of the circuit court; and punches denoting county, month, color, name letter, code number, and ages of groom and bride. Arr. according to Russell-Soundex system. No index as this is a combination original record and index. Typed and hdw. on ptd. form. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 24.

6. MARRIAGES, January 1942--. 7 vols. (1-3500).
Original monthly statistical report of marriages sent to Division of Vital Statistics by circuit clerk, showing State file number, full name, address, age, and color of bride and groom; names of fathers; date licensed, married, and name and title of officiant at marriage ceremony; book and page number in local marriage record; and certification of the clerk. Arr. alph. by name of county in which license was issued and numer. thereunder by contained State file number. No index. 1 box punched cards and printed index to be prepared from these reports. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 500 pp. $6\frac{1}{4}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Dr. R. N. Whitfield, Director, Division of Vital Statistics, Mississippi State Board of Health, Jackson. Certified copy 50¢.

COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS

ADAMS COUNTY (Natchez)

1802-- Marriage Record (white), 20 vols. Chron. by date issued. 1802-73, separate index; 1874--, indexed alph. by first letter of surname of male. Certified copy 75¢. Circuit Clerk, Natchez.

1802-73 Index (white), 3 vols. Alph. direct and reverse, by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Natchez.

1866-- Marriage Record (colored), 31 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surname of male. Certified copy 75¢. Circuit Clerk, Natchez.

1879-80 Marriages (in Register of Marriages, Births and Deaths), 1 vol. Chron. by date of marriage. No index. Circuit Clerk, Natchez.

1892-- White and Colored Marriage License Returns. 22 f. b. Chron. by date of return. No index. Circuit Clerk, Natchez.

ALCORN COUNTY (Corinth)

1840-- Marriage Record (white and colored), 47 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surname of male and female. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Corinth. Records, 1840-69 are records of old Tishomingo County.

AMITE COUNTY (Liberty)

1809-- Marriage Record, 32 vols. Chron. by date issued. Separate index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Liberty.

1809-- Index, 3 vols. Alph. direct and reverse, by first letter of surname. Circuit Clerk, Liberty.

ATTALA COUNTY (Kosciusko)

1892-- Marriage Record (white), 14 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Kosciusko.

1892-- Marriage Record (colored), 14 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surname of male. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Kosciusko.

BENTON COUNTY (Ashland)

1870-- Marriage Record, 14 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surname of male. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Ashland.

BOLIVAR COUNTY (Rosedale-Cleveland)

1866-- Marriage Record, 46 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surname of male and female. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Rosedale.

1900-- Marriage Record, 54 vols. Alph. by first letter of surname of male and female. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Cleveland.

Marriages

CALHOUN COUNTY (Pittsboro)

1930-34 Record of Marriage Applicants, 1 vol. Chron. by date of application. No index. Circuit Clerk, Pittsboro.
1931-- Affidavits for Marriage License, 2 f. d. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Pittsboro.
1922-- Marriage Record (white), 3 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Pittsboro.
1923-- Marriage Record (colored), 2 vols. Chron. by date issued Index alph. by first letter of surname of male. Circuit Clerk, Pittsboro.
1923-- Marriage Certificates Returned, 3 f. d. No arr. No index. Circuit Clerk, Pittsboro.

CARROLL COUNTY (Carrollton-Vaiden)

1834-- Marriage Record, 27 vols. Chron. by date recorded. Index alph. direct and reverse, by first letter of surname of male and female. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Carrollton.
1873-- Marriage Record, 10 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Vaiden.

CHICKASAW COUNTY (Houston-Okolona)

1930-- Record of Marriage Application, 1 vol. Chron. by date of application. No index. Circuit Clerk, Houston.
1863-96 Marriage License and Bond, 7 vols. Chron. by date issued, and chron. thereunder by date returned. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Houston.
1877-96 Marriage License and Bond, 4 vols. Chron. by date issued and by date of return. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Okolona.
1862-- Marriage Record, 20 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surname of male and female. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Okolona.
1877-- Marriage Record, 16 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Okolona.
1924-- Certificates of Marriage, 1 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Houston.
1936-- Certificates of Marriages, License Returned, 28 pkg. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Houston.

CHOCTAW COUNTY (Ackerman)

1931-- Record of Marriage Applications, 3 vols. Chron. by date of application. No index. Circuit Clerk, Ackerman.
1881-- Marriage Record, 19 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index, 1881-1912, alph. direct and reverse, by first letter of surnames of both applicants. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Ackerman.

Marriages

CLAIBORNE COUNTY (Port Gibson)

1816-- Marriage Record (white), 15 vols. Chron. by date of application. No index. Certified copy $1.25. Circuit Clerk, Port Gibson.
1870-- Marriage Record (colored), 21 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Certified copy $1.25. Circuit Clerk, Port Gibson.
1890-- Certificates of Marriage License Returned. 7 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Port Gibson.

CLARKE COUNTY (Quitman)

1853-- Marriage Record (white), 15 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Quitman.
1866-- Marriage Record (colored), 15 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Quitman.
1915-- Marriage License Certificates, 2 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Quitman.

CLAY COUNTY (West Point)

1872-- Marriage Record, 29 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surname of male and female. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, West Point.
1872-- Marriage Returns, 3 pigeon holes and 4 manila jackets. Numer. by license number. No index. Circuit Clerk, West Point.

COAHOMA COUNTY (Clarksdale)

1849-1930 Marriage Record [First District] (white and colored), 27 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index by first letter of surname of groom. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Clarksdale.
1892-- Marriage Record (white), 8 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surname of groom. Circuit Clerk, Clarksdale.
1892-- Marriage License (colored), 56 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surname of groom. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Clarksdale.

COPIAH COUNTY (Hazlehurst)

1823-31; Marriage Record, 51 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph.
1836-- by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Hazlehurst.
1823-- Index to Marriage Record, 3 vols. Alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Hazlehurst.
1933-- Certificates of Marriage License Returned, 2 desk files. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Hazlehurst.

Marriages

COVINGTON COUNTY (Collins)

1904-- Marriage Record (white), 9 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Collins.

1904-- General Index to Marriage Record, 1 vol. Alph. by first letter of surnames. No index. Circuit Clerk, Collins.

1905-- Marriage Record (colored), 6 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Collins.

1905-- Certificate of Marriage License Returned (white), 2 f. b. Chron. by date received. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Collins.

1905-- Certificates of Marriage License Returned (colored), 2 f. b. Chron. by date received. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Collins.

DESOTO COUNTY (Hernando)

1845-- Marriage Record (white), 28 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surname of male and female. Certified copy from 50¢ to $1.50. Circuit Clerk, Hernando.

1866-- Marriage Record (colored), 34 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surname of groom and bride. Direct and reverse. Certified copy from 50¢ to $1.50. Circuit Clerk, Hernando.

1936-- Monthly Reports of Marriages, 1 f. b. Chron. by date of report. No index. Circuit Clerk, Hernando.

FORREST COUNTY (Hattiesburg)

1930-- Application for Marriage License, 1 vol. Chron. by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, Hattiesburg.

1908-- Marriage Record, 35 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph., direct and reverse by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Hattiesburg.

1908-- General Index to Marriage Record, 1 vol. Alph. by first letter of surnames. No index. Circuit Clerk, Hattiesburg.

1910-- Certificates of Marriage License Returned, 4 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Hattiesburg.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (Meadville)

1818-- Marriage Record (white and colored), 29 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Meadville.

1818-1905; 1935-- Certificates of Marriage License Returned, 1 f. b. and 1 basket. 1818-1905, no arr.; 1935--, chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Meadville.

Marriages

GEORGE COUNTY (Lucedale)

1932-- Marriage Notices, 1 vol. Chron. by date of notice. No index. Certified copy 80¢. Circuit Clerk, Lucedale.
1910-- Marriage Record (white), 6 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy 80¢. Circuit Clerk, Lucedale.
1910-- Marriage Record (colored), 3 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy 80¢. Circuit Clerk, Lucedale.
1928-- Marriage Certificates, 1 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy 80¢. Circuit Clerk, Lucedale.

GREENE COUNTY (Leakesville)

1930-- Notice of Application for Marriage License, 1 vol. Chron. by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, Leakesville.
1874-- Marriage Record, 14 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Leakesville.
1912-- Certificate of Marriage, 2 f. b. and 5 pkgs. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Leakesville.

GRENADA COUNTY (Grenada)

1870-- Marriage Record (white), 7 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Grenada.
1880-- Marriage Record (colored), 15 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Grenada.
1908-- Certificates of Marriage Returned, 6 f. b. Chron. by date issued. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Grenada.

HANCOCK COUNTY (Bay St. Louis)

1853-- Marriage Record, 29 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Bay St. Louis.
1853-- Marriage License Certificates (colored), 2 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Bay St. Louis.
1882-- Marriage License Certificates (white), 10 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Bay St. Louis.

HARRISON COUNTY (Gulfport)

1841-- Marriage Record, 51 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Gulfport.
1846-- Marriage Certificates, 41 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Gulfport.
1869-78 Marriage Bonds, 1 vol. Chron. by date of Bond. No index. Circuit Clerk, Gulfport.

Marriages

HINDS COUNTY (Raymond-Jackson)

1930-- Notice of Applications for Marriage License, 1 vol. Chron. by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, Raymond.

1838-- Marriage Bonds, 6 vols. Chron. by date of Bond. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Raymond.

1823-- Marriage License Record (white), 13 vols. Chron. by date issued. 1823-70, separate index; 1871--, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Raymond.

1823-- General Index to Record of Marriages (white), 1 vol. Alph. by first letter of surnames. No index. Circuit Clerk, Raymond.

1865-- Marriage Record License (colored), 35 vols. Chron. by date issued. 1865-78, separate index; 1879--, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Raymond.

1865-78 General Index to Record of Marriages (colored), 1 vol. Alph. by first letter of surnames. No index. Certified copy not available. Circuit Clerk, Raymond.

1870-- Marriage Record (white), 26 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Jackson.

1871-- Marriage Record (colored), 37 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Jackson.

HOLMES COUNTY (Lexington)

1889-90 Marriage Record (colored), 28 vols. Alph. by first letter of surnames. Separate index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Lexington.

1893-- Marriage Record (white), 6 vols. Alph. by first letter of surnames. Separate index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Lexington.

1889-90 Index to Record of Marriages (colored), Alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Lexington.

1893-- Index to Record of Marriage (white), 1 vol. Alph. by first letter of surnames of bride and groom. Circuit Clerk, Lexington.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY (Belzoni)

1930-37 Applications for Marriage Licenses (white), 3 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, Belzoni.

1930-37 Application for Marriage Licenses (colored), 2 vols. Chron. by date of application. No index. Circuit Clerk, Belzoni.

1918-- Marriage Record (white), 3 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Belzoni.

1918-- Marriage Record (colored), 12 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Belzoni.

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ISSAQUENA COUNTY (Mayersville)

1866-- Marriage Record, 18 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Mayersville.

ITAWAMBA COUNTY (Fulton)

1837-- Marriage Record (white and colored), 28 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Fulton.

JACKSON COUNTY (Pascagoula)

1914-18 Application for Marriage License Certificates, 1 vol. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Pascagoula.

1875-1908 Marriage Record, 8 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Pascagoula.

1909-- Marriage Record (white), 23 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Pascagoula.

1909-- Marriage Record (colored), 19 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Pascagoula.

1898-- Certificates of Marriage Licenses Returned, 12 f. b. Chron. by dates certificates returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Pascagoula.

JASPER COUNTY (Bay Springs-Paulding)

1931-- Notice of Application for Marriage License, 2 vols. Chron. by date of notice. No index. Circuit Clerk, Bay Springs.

1906-- Marriage Record, 14 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Bay Springs.

1932-- Marriage Record, 14 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Paulding.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (Fayette)

1930-- Record of Marriage Applications (notices), 1 vol. Chron. by date of application. No index. Circuit Clerk, Fayette.

1805-- Marriage Record (white), 17 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Fayette.

1866-- Marriage Record (colored), 20 vols. Chron. by date of marriage. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Fayette.

1898-- Marriage Record (certificates), 5 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Fayette.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY (Continued)

1915-- Certificates of Marriage License Returned, 2 f. b. and 1 bundle. Chron. by date of return. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Fayette.

JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY (Prentiss)

1906-- Marriage Record (white), 7 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Prentiss.

1906-- Marriage Record (colored), 5 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Prentiss.

JONES COUNTY (Ellisville-Laurel)

1882-- Marriage Record (white), 12 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Ellisville.

1887-- Marriage Record (colored), 7 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Ellisville.

1907-- White Marriages, 14 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Laurel.

1923-32 Marriage Certificates, 1 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Laurel.

1932-- Returns on Marriage Licenses, 1 f. b. and 9 folders. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Laurel.

KEMPER COUNTY (DeKalb)

1912-- Marriage Record (white), 3 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, DeKalb.

1912-- Marriage Record (colored), 8 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, DeKalb.

1928-- Marriage Certificates Returned (white), 1 f. b. Chron. by date returned. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, DeKalb.

1933-- Certificates of Marriage Licenses Returned (colored), 1 bundle. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, DeKalb.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY (Oxford)

1931-- Notice of Applications for Marriage Licenses, 1 vol. Chron. by date issued. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Oxford.

1850-- Marriage Record (white), 15 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Oxford.

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LAFAYETTE COUNTY (Continued)

1837-- Marriage License, 48 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Oxford.
1865-- Marriage Record (Freedmen), 6 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Oxford.
1893-- Marriage Record (colored), 11 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Oxford.
1901-- Marriage Certificates, 3 f. b. Chron. by date filed. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Oxford.

LAMAR COUNTY (Purvis)

1931-- Notice of Applications for Marriage License; 1 vol. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Purvis.
1889-- Marriage Record, 16 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Purvis.
1920-- Certificates of Marriage, 2 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Purvis.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY (Meridian)

1839-45; Marriage Record (white), 37 vols. Chron. by date issued.
1851-- Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Meridian.
1865-- Marriage Record (colored), 38 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Meridian.
1893-1910; Marriage Licenses and Certificates Returned, 3 f. b. Chron.
1939-- by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, Meridian.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (Monticello)

1818-- Marriage Record, 22 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Monticello.

LEAKE COUNTY (Carthage)

1836-57; Marriage Record, 21 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index.
1860-- Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Carthage.

LEE COUNTY (Tupelo)

1930-34 Marriage Application, 1 vol. Chron. by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, Tupelo.
1867-- Marriage Record (white and colored), 44 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Tupelo.

Marriages

LEE COUNTY (Continued)

1867-- Certificates of Marriage License Returned, 16 f. d. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Tupelo.
1938-- Statistical Record of Marriages for State Board of Health, 1 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Tupelo.

LEFLORE COUNTY (Greenwood)

1844-- Marriage Record, 74 vols. Chron. by date of issue. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Greenwood.

LINCOLN COUNTY (Brookhaven)

1893-- Marriage Record (white and colored), 29 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames of male and female. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Brookhaven.
1893-- Marriage Record, 7 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Brookhaven.

LOWNDES COUNTY (Columbus)

1830-- Marriage Record (white), 36 vols. Chron. by date issued. Separate index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Columbus.
1865-76 Marriage Record (Freedmen), 4 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Columbus.
1877-- Marriage Record (colored), 23 vols. Chron. by date issued. Separate index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Columbus.
1865-- Index to Marriages (colored), 10 vols. Alph. by first letter of surnames. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Columbus.
1892-- Certificates of Marriage License Returned, 5 f. b. and 1 bundle. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Columbus.

MADISON COUNTY (Canton)

1865-73 Marriage Record (Freedmen), 2 vols. Chron. by date of marriage. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Canton.
1930-- Marriage Licenses, Record and Certificates, 1 f. b. Chron. by date filed. No index. Circuit Clerk, Canton.
1930-- Marriage Record, 31 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Canton.
1932-- Statistical Record of Marriages, 1 f. b. Chron. by date filed. No index. Circuit Clerk, Canton.
1934-- Marriage Record (colored), 1 vol. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Canton.

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MARION COUNTY (Columbia)

1812-- Marriage Record, 24 vols. Chron. by date filed. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Columbia.

MARSHALL COUNTY (Holly Springs)

1836-1929 Marriage Record (white and colored), 32 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Holly Springs.

1930-- Marriage Record (white), 1 vol. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Holly Springs.

1930-- Marriage Record (colored), 4 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Holly Springs.

1812-- Marriage Certificates, 5 f. b. Chron. by date filed. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Holly Springs.

MONROE COUNTY (Aberdeen)

1821-- Marriage Record, 50 vols. Chron. by date filed. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Aberdeen.

1871-74 Marriage Record (Freedmen), 1 vol. Chron. by date filed. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Aberdeen.

1900-- Certificates of Licenses Returned, 12 manila jackets. Chron. by date of marriage. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Aberdeen.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (Winona)

1900-- Marriage Record, 16 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Winona.

1900-27 Marriage Certificates Returned, 9 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Winona.

NESHOBA COUNTY (Philadelphia)

1883-- Marriage Record (white), 15 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Philadelphia.

1883-- Marriage Record (colored), 10 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Philadelphia.

NOXUBEE COUNTY (Macon)

1834-- Marriage Record, 43 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Macon.

Marriages

NOXUBEE COUNTY (Continued)

1834-- General Index to Record of Marriages, 2 vols. Chron. by date issued. Circuit Clerk, Macon.

OKTIBBEHA COUNTY (Starkville)

1930-32 Applications for Marriage Licenses, 2 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, Starkville.
1861-- Marriage Record (white), 13 vols. Chron. by date issued. Separate index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Starkville.
1866-- Marriage Record (colored), 21 vols. Chron. by date issued. Separate index. Circuit Clerk, Starkville.
1861-- Index to Marriage Record, 1 vol. Alph. by first letter of surname of male. No index. Circuit Clerk, Starkville.
1881-- Certificates of Marriage License, 22 f. b. Chron. by date of return. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Starkville.
1936-- List of Marriage License, of which No Returns Have Been Made, 1 folder. Chron. by date filed. No index. Circuit Clerk, Starkville.

PANOLA COUNTY (Batesville-Sardis)

1871-77; Marriage Record, 41 vols. Chron. by date of filing. Index
1880-- alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Sardis.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY (Poplarville)

1890-- Marriage Record, 25 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Poplarville.

PERRY COUNTY (New Augusta)

1930-35 Record of Marriage Applications, 1 vol. Chron. by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, New Augusta.
1877-- Marriage Record, 12 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, New Augusta.
1878-- Certificate of Marriage Licenses Returned, 7 f. b. Chron. by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, New Augusta.

PIKE COUNTY (Magnolia)

1882-- Marriage Record, 42 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Magnolia.
1930-- Certificates of Marriages Returned, 3 bundles. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Magnolia.

Marriages

PONTOTOC COUNTY (Pontotoc)

1836-- Marriage Record (white), 17 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Pontotoc.

1836-- Marriage Record (colored), 9 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Pontotoc.

1926-- /Report of Marriages/, 1 f. b. Chron. by date of report. No index. Circuit Clerk, Pontotoc.

1932-- Certificate of Marriage, 1 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Pontotoc.

PRENTISS COUNTY (Booneville)

1930-33 Notices of Applications for Marriage License, 3 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, Booneville.

1871-- Marriage Record, 22 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Booneville.

1872-- Certificates of Marriage License Returned, 9 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Booneville.

QUITMAN COUNTY (Marks)

1877-- Marriage Record (white), 7 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Marks.

1877-- Marriage Record (colored), 26 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Marks.

1927-- Certificates of Marriage, 5 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Marks.

RANKIN COUNTY (Brandon)

1924-- Applications of Marriage License, 1 vol. Chron. by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, Brandon.

1828-- Marriage Record, 30 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Brandon.

SCOTT COUNTY (Forest)

1872-- Marriage Record (white), 11 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Forest.

1865-- Marriage Record (colored), 11 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Forest.

Marriages

SHARKEY COUNTY (Rolling Fork)

1870-- Marriage Record, 43 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Rolling Fork.

SIMPSON COUNTY (Mendenhall)

1872-- Marriage Record (white), 15 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Mendenhall.

1872-- Marriage Record (colored), 13 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Mendenhall.

1897-- Index to Marriage Record, 1 vol. Alph. direct and reverse by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Mendenhall.

1871-- Marriage Certificates, 68 vols. Alph. by first letter of surnames. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Mendenhall.

SMITH COUNTY (Raleigh)

1930-31 Record of Marriage Applications, 3 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Raleigh.

1912-- Marriage Record, 6 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Raleigh.

STONE COUNTY (Wiggins)

1916-- Marriage Record, 6 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Wiggins.

1916-- Marriage Certificates, 1 f. b. and 21 pigeon holes. Chron. by date of marriage. No index. Circuit Clerk, Wiggins.

SUNFLOWER COUNTY (Indianola)

1861-- Marriage Record, 54 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. 1861-71, 2 vols., Circuit Clerk, Leflore County, Greenwood; 52 vols., 1871--, Circuit Clerk, Indianola.

TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY (Charleston-Sumner)

1857-- Marriage Record, 31 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Charleston.

1850-- Certificates of Marriage, 6 f. b. and 40 bundles. Chron. by date issued. No index. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Charleston.

TATE COUNTY (Senatobia)

1873-- Marriage Record, 40 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Senatobia.

Marriages

TIPPAH COUNTY (Ripley)

1866-86 Marriage Bonds, 1 bundle. Chron. by date of filing. No index. Circuit Clerk, Ripley.
1930-- Applications for Marriage Licenses, 1 f. b. Chron. by date of application. No index. Circuit Clerk, Ripley.
1930-- Notice of Applications for Marriage Licenses, 1 vol. Chron. by date of application. No index. Circuit Clerk, Ripley.
1858-- Marriage Record, 22 vols. Chron. by date of application. Index alph. by first letter of surnames of applicants. Circuit Clerk, Ripley.
1870-80 Register of Marriages, Births, and Deaths, 1 vol. Chron. by date reported. No index. Circuit Clerk, Ripley.
1867-82 Marriage Certificates, 10 f. d. and 2 envelopes. Chron. by date of return. No index. Circuit Clerk, Ripley.

TISHOMINGO COUNTY (Iuka) (See also, Alcorn County)

1887-- Marriage Record (white), 13 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Iuka.
1887-- Marriage Record (colored), 3 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Iuka.

TUNICA COUNTY (Tunica)

1858-- Marriage Record, 39 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1.50. Circuit Clerk, Tunica.

UNION COUNTY (New Albany)

1930-- Application for Marriage License, 2 vols. Chron. by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, New Albany.
1878-- Marriage Record (white), 20 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, New Albany.
1878-- Marriage Record (colored), 12 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, New Albany.

WALTHALL COUNTY (Tylertown)

1930-- Notices of Applications for Marriage License, 1 vol. Numer. by application no. No index. Circuit Clerk, Tylertown.
1914-- Marriage Record, 13 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Tylertown.
1914-- List of Marriage Licenses, of Which No Return Has Been Made, 1 f. b. Chron. by date issued. No index. Circuit Clerk, Tylertown.

Marriages

WARREN COUNTY (Vicksburg)

1930-34 Application for Marriage Licenses (white), 6 vols. Numer. by application no. No index. Circuit Clerk, Vicksburg.
1930-34 Applications for Marriage License (colored), 11 vols. Chron by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Vicksburg.
1810-- Marriage Record (white), 22 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Vicksburg.
1810-92 Index to White Marriages, 1 vol. Alph. by first letter of surnames. No index. Circuit Clerk, Vicksburg.
1860-- Marriage Record (colored), 40 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Vicksburg.
1869-- Index to Marriage Record (colored), 1 vol. Alph. by first letter of surnames. No index. Circuit Clerk, Vicksburg.
1810-- Marriage Certificates (white), 14 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Vicksburg.
1860-- Marriage Certificates (colored), 39 f. b. Chron. by date returned. No index. Circuit Clerk, Vicksburg.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (Greenville)

1858-- Marriage Record, 89 vols, Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1.50. Circuit Clerk, Greenville.

WAYNE COUNTY (Waynesboro)

1881-- Marriage Record (white), 13 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Waynesboro.
1892-- Marriage Record (colored), 9 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Waynesboro.

WEBSTER COUNTY (Walthall)

1930-33 Notice of Applications for Marriages, 2 vols. Chron. by date of application. No index. Circuit Clerk, Walthall.
1874-- Marriage Record, 21 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Walthall.
1938-- Certificates of Marriages, 1 f. b. Chron. by date of marriage. No index. Circuit Clerk, Walthall.

WILKINSON COUNTY (Woodville)

1805-- Marriage Record, 38 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Woodville.
1938-- Certificate of Marriages Returned, 5 bundles. Chron. by date of return. No index. Certified copy 50¢. Circuit Clerk, Woodville.

Marriages

WINSTON COUNTY (Louisville)

1836-- Marriage Record (white), 20 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Louisville.
1908-- Marriage Record (colored), 8 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index direct and reverse, alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Louisville.

YALOBUSHA COUNTY (Coffeeville-Water Valley)

1834-- Application for Marriage Licenses (white and colored), 10 vols. Alph. by first letter of surnames. Separate index. Circuit Clerk, Coffeeville.
1834-90 Marriage Bonds, 5 f. b. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Circuit Clerk, Coffeeville.
1930-- Applications for Marriage Licenses, 1 vol. Chron. by date filed. No index. Circuit Clerk, Water Valley.
1834-89 Marriage Record (colored), 12 f. b. and 1 vol. Chron. by date recorded. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Coffeeville.
1835-1916 Marriage License (white), 14 f. b. Chron. by date filed. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Coffeeville.
1857-70 Marriage Record (white and colored), 2 vols. and 1 f.b. Chron. by date issued. Circuit Clerk, Coffeeville.
1857-72 Index to Record of Marriages, 2 vols. Alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Coffeeville.
1866-93 Marriage Record (Freedmen), 2 vols. Alph. by first letter of surnames of bride and groom. Circuit Clerk, Coffeeville.
1867-- Marriage Record (white), 5 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Certified copy $1. Circuit Clerk, Coffeeville.
1873-- Marriage Record (white), 8 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Coffeeville.
1874-- Marriage Record (colored), 6 vols. Chron. by date issued. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Circuit Clerk, Water Valley.

YAZOO COUNTY (Yazoo City)

Not inventoried.

COUNTY _____ MONTH _____ COLOR _____

GROOM _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

FATHER _____

BRIDE _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

FATHER _____

DATE LICENSED _____ DATE MARRIED _____

MARRIED BY _____ USE THE WORD "PREACHER", "J.P.", "MBS", OR "JUDGE"

RECORD BOOK NO. _____ PAGE NO. _____

(SIGNED) _____ CIRCUIT CLERK

(DO NOT BEND OR FOLD THIS CARD)

IND. 722

MARRIAGE RECORD MISS. ST. BD. HEALTH

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI - VITAL STATISTICS

	COUNTY	MONTH	COLOR	NAME LETTER	CODE NO.	AGE G	AGE B	ATTEN'T.
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1	1 1	1	1	1 1	1 1 1	1 1	1 1	1
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Form V.S. 201
Marriage Record—Miss. St. Bd. of Health

_____ Groom (White)

_____ Bride (White)

Date Married _____

Officiating _____

His Title (if known) _____

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing record of Marriage is correctly copied, and that the same is on file in my office in Book _____ Page _____ thereof.

STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI

_____
Circuit Clerk Co. of

Form V.S. 202✚
Marriage Record—Miss. St. Bd. of Health

_____ Groom

_____ Bride

Date Married _____

Officiating _____

His Title (if known) _____

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing record of Marriage is correctly copied, and that the same is on file in my office in

Book _____ Page _____ thereof.

STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI

_____
Circuit Clerk Co. of

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

.....Intended Groom

.....Intended Bride

This is to certify that the records in my office show that the above named

were licensed on.....to marry; that said license was never cancelled; and that no returns were made showing that the marriage was ever consummated. (Book..... Page..... my office.)

STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI

.....
Circuit Clerk, County of

STATISTICAL RECORD OF MARRIAGE

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

(Chapter 293, Laws of 1938)

Form V. S. 366.

GROOM	BRIDE
Full Name	Full Name Before Marriage
Post Office Address	P. O. Address Before Marriage
Age Color	Age Color
Full Name of Father	Full Name of Father

Date Licensed _____ 19____ Date Married _____ 19____

Married by _____ (Minister, J. P., M. B. S., Judge)

This certifies that above marriage is recorded in my office.

Book _____ Page Number _____

(Signed) _____ Circuit Clerk of _____ County

By _____ Deputy Circuit Clerk

NOTE—If this blank is attached to the marriage license by the Circuit Clerk, then the couple and the person performing the ceremony should complete the blank down to the Circuit Clerk's certification and mail the record immediately with the returns (at the bottom of the marriage license) to the Circuit Clerk who issued the license.

LEGISLATION CONCERNING DIVORCE RECORDS

There has been no legislation in Mississippi pertaining to the keeping of separate divorce records by the courts which have exercised jurisdiction over divorce. Consequently, such records are to be found only in the court minutes and among the regular court files of case papers.

Since 1869 the chancery court has had full jurisdiction over divorce matters.[1]

Until 1803 divorces were granted by laws enacted by the Governor and the Territorial Judges, the first of record being October 3, 1799.[2]

In 1803 jurisdiction in all causes of divorce was delegated to the supreme or superior court of the Territory having equity jurisdiction,[3] in 1809 to the superior court of law and equity which superseded the supreme or superior court,[4] and from 1818 to 1822 to the superior court provided for by the Constitution of 1817 and the law of 1818.[5] In 1822 this jurisdiction was vested in the superior court of chancery.[6] The Revised Constitution of 1832 gave the circuit court jurisdiction in divorce cases concurrent with that of the superior court of chancery.[7] An amendment to the Constitution in 1856 established a chancery court to be held in each judicial district by the judge of the circuit court and delegated to it full jurisdiction in all matters of equity.[8] The law of 1857 required bills for divorce to be filed in chancery,[9] and the law of 1859 made divorce a matter of the chancery court exclusively.[10]

The Constitution of 1869 provided for the establishment of a separate chancery court in each county with full jurisdiction in all matters of divorce.[11]

The clerks of the various courts, while required by law to preserve and maintain all court records, were not required to keep separate records of divorce matters.

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1. Const. 1869, art. 6, sec. 16; Code 1871, sec. 1773; Code 1880, sec. 1161; Code 1892, secs. 1567-1568; Code 1906, secs. 1675-1676; Code 1917, secs. 1417-1418; Code 1930, secs. 1415-1416.
2. Sargent's Code, p. 126.
3. Code 1807, p. 372; Code 1816, p. 252. However, divorces were also granted by the Territorial Assembly (Original Laws of the Mississippi Territory, Series D, No. 3, Laws Nos. 21, 24, and 55).
4. Code 1816, pp. 178-179.
5. Const. 1817, art. v, sec. 5; L. M. 1818, p. 7.
6. Code 1848, p. 495.
7. Const. 1832, art. iv, sec. 16.
8. Const. 1832, Amendment 3, in Code 1857, p. 38.
9. Code 1857, p. 335.
10. L. M. 1859, p. 265.
11. See footnote 1.

Legislation Concerning Divorce Records

The 1926 chancery clerks were required to report all divorces granted to the State Board of Health and the Board was empowered to prescribe forms, rules, and regulations for reporting these vital statistics.[12] It is the duty of each clerk of the chancery court to make a certified report of each divorce granted in his county within 10 days after adjournment of each term of court, on forms furnished by the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health, showing names of complainant and defendant, their race and color, when married, number of minor children affected by the decree, cause of divorce, and the volume and page of record of the decree in the minutes of the chancery court.[13]

12. L. M. 1926, p. 255; Mississippi State Board of Health, Biennial Report, 1926-27, p. 24.
13. Ibid.; L. M. 1928, p. 186; Code 1930, sec. 1426. See entry 1.

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STATE DIVORCE RECORDS

1. DIVORCES, 1926--. 83 bound vols., 1 unbound vol. (labeled by contained State file nos.).

Original statistical report of divorces, filed with Division of Vital Statistics by clerks of the chancery courts of all counties, showing State file number, name and color of complainant; name and color of defendant; when married; number of minor children affected by the divorce; cause of divorce; whether or not suit was contested; certification of chancery clerk that divorce was granted; name of county in which granted; date granted; volume and page of record in Minute Book of Chancery Court; and signature and seal of clerk. Also shows citation of act requiring clerk to make report. Arr. alph. by name of county, and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of husband. For index, see entries 2-6, below. Av. 500 pp. 8 x 9 x 2.

2. DIVORCE INDEX, 1926-36. 2 vols. (dated).

Russel-Soundex index to Divorces (entry 1, above), showing file number, surname and Christian name of husband, Christian name of wife, name of county in which divorce granted, and year divorce granted. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of husband, and alph. thereunder by first letter of Christian name. Typed. 200 pp. 12 x 9 x 2.

3. INDEX DIVORCES /Miscellaneous/, 1937-38. 7 Remington-Rand Double Panels.

Card slip index, ready for photostating, of divorce reports received late but included in Divorces (entry 1, above), showing State file number, surname and Christian name of husband, Christian name of wife, name of county in which divorce granted, and year divorce granted. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of husband, and alph. thereunder by first letter of Christian name. Av. 90 card slips to panel 6 x 15.

4. DIVORCE /Index/, 1937-38. 2 f. b.

Card index to Divorces (entry 1, above), showing State file number, surname and Christian name of husband, Christian name of wife, name of county in which divorce granted, and year divorce granted. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of husband, and alph. thereunder by first letter of Christian name. Typed. 4 x 6 x 24.

5. INDEX DIVORCES, 1939. 18 Remington-Rand Double Panels.

Card slip index, ready for photostating, of Divorces (entry 1, above), showing State file number, surname and Christian name of husband, Christian name of wife, name of county in which divorce granted, and year divorce granted. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of husband, and alph. thereunder by first letter of Christian name. Typed. Av. 90 card slips to panel 6 x 15.

6. DIVORCE /Index/, 1940--. 8 f. b.

Card index to 1940--, volumes of divorce reports in Divorces (entry 1, above), showing surname and Christian name of husband, Christian name of wife, name of county in which divorce granted, and year divorce granted. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of husband, and alph. thereunder by first letter of Christian name. Typed. 4 x 6 x 15.

Dr. R. N. Whitfield, Director, Division of Vital Statistics, Mississippi State Board of Health, Jackson. Certified copy 50¢.

COUNTY DIVORCE RECORDS

ADAMS COUNTY (Natchez)

1840-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Files," 236 f. b. Chron. by term of court. No index. Chancery Clerk, Natchez.
1850-57 Record, in "Minute Book District Chancery Court," 2 vols. Chron. by term of court. No index. Chancery Clerk, Natchez.
1856-- Record, in "Chancery Court Minutes," 12 vols. Chron. by term of court. No index. Chancery Clerk, Natchez.

ALCORN COUNTY (Corinth)

1917-- Papers, in "Chancery Case Papers," 360 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Corinth.
1917-- Record , in "Chancery Court Minutes," 5 vols. Chron. by term of court. No index. Chancery Clerk, Corinth.

AMITE COUNTY (Liberty)

1809-- Papers, in "Chancery Case Papers," 375 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Liberty.
1856-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 9 vols. Chron. by term of court. Chancery Clerk, Liberty.

ATTALA COUNTY (Kosciusko)

1858-- Papers, in "Chancery Case Papers," 240 vols. Numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. Chancery Clerk, Kosciusko.
1858-- Record , in "Chancery Court Minutes," 19 vols. Chron. by term of court and chron. thereunder by date of hearing. Index alph. by name of petitioner. Chancery Clerk, Kosciusko.

BENTON COUNTY (Ashland)

1914-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 12 f. d. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Ashland.
1870-- Record, in "Minutes," 8 vols. Chron. by date of term of court, and chron. thereunder by date of session. Chancery Clerk, Ashland.

BOLIVAR COUNTY (Rosedale-Cleveland)

1856-- Papers, in "Case Papers," 328 f. d. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Rosedale.
1856-- Record, in "Minutes," 13 vols. Chron. by date of term of court. Chancery Clerk, Rosedale.
1900-- Papers, in "Case Papers," 153 f. b. Numer. by filing no. Chancery Clerk, Cleveland.
1900-- Record , in "Minutes," 9 vols. Chron. by date held in court. Index self contained by case no. Chancery Clerk, Cleveland.

Divorces

CALHOUN COUNTY (Pittsboro)

1923-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 48 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Pittsboro.
1923-- Record , in "Minutes Chancery Cases," 3 vols. Chron. by term of court. No index. Chancery Clerk, Pittsboro.

CARROLL COUNTY (Carrollton-Vaiden)

1874-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 76 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Vaiden.
1874-- Record, in "Chancery Court Minutes Book," 5 vols. Chron. by date of filing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Vaiden.

CHICKASAW COUNTY (Houston-Okolona)

1888-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 23 f. b. Numer. by case no. and chron. by date filed. No index. Chancery Clerk, Okolona.
1868-- Record , in "Minutes Chancery Court," 9 vols. Chron. by date of proceedings. No index. Chancery Clerk, Houston.
1927-- "Divorces," 2 f. b. and 56 bundles. Numer. by case no. and chron. by date filed. No index. Chancery Clerk, Okolona.

CHOCTAW COUNTY (Ackerman)

1881-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Case Files," 73 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Ackerman.
1881-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 80 vols. Chron. by date filed. No index. Chancery Clerk, Ackerman.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY (Port Gibson)

1856-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 390 f. b. Numer. by docket no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Port Gibson.
1814-26 Record, in "Minutes of Superior Court of Law and Equity," 2 vols. Chron. by court term. Index alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff. Chancery Clerk, Port Gibson.
1856-71 Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 18 vols. Chron. by term of court, and chron. thereunder by date of hearing. Chancery Clerk, Port Gibson.

CLARKE COUNTY (Quitman)

1861-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 134 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Quitman.
1856-- Record, in "Minutes Probate /Chancery/ Court," 1856-75, 1 vol.; "Minutes Chancery Court," 1876--, 8 vols. Chron. by term of court. No index. Chancery Clerk, Quitman.

CLAY COUNTY (West Point)

1872-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Case Papers," 290 f. b. Chron. by date of filing. No index. Chancery Clerk, West Point.

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CLAY COUNTY (Continued)

1872-- Record, in "Chancery Court Minutes," 12 vols. Chron. by date of term, and chron. thereunder by date of hearing of each case. No index. Chancery Clerk, West Point.

COAHOMA COUNTY (Clarksdale)

1864-- Papers, in "Original Case Records and Suits Filed," 1 bundle and 457 f. b. Chron. by date filed. No index. Chancery Clerk, Clarksdale.

1866-1930 Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court Dist. 1," 7 vols. Chron. by date of term and hearing. Dist. 1 abolished in 1930. Chancery Clerk, Clarksdale.

1892-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 10 vols. Chron. by date of term and hearing. Chancery Clerk, Clarksdale.

COPIAH COUNTY (Hazlehurst)

1915-20 "Divorce Cases," 1 f. d. Chron. by date of filing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Hazlehurst.

COVINGTON COUNTY (Collins)

1856-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 151 f. b. Alph. by surname and chron. by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Collins.

DESOTO COUNTY (Hernando)

1856-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 16 vols. Chron. by date of court term. No index. Chancery Clerk, Hernando.

1865-- Record, in "Clerk's Cases Record," 409 f. d. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Hernando.

1913-- Record, in "Chancery Cases," 60 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Hernando.

FORREST COUNTY (Hattiesburg)

1892-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 344 f. b. Numer. by case no. Separate index. Chancery Clerk.

1870-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 49 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Chancery Clerk, Hattiesburg.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (Meadville)

1870-- Papers, in "Case Records, Chancery Court," 23 f. b. 1870-1919, not arranged; 1920--, numer. by case no. Separate index. Chancery Clerk, Meadville.

GEORGE COUNTY (Lucedale)

1910-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 66 f. b. Numer. by docket no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Lucedale.

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Divorces

GEORGE COUNTY (Continued)

1876-1909 Record, in "Minutes Chancery and Circuit Courts, Transcribed from Greene and Jackson Counties for George County," 2 vols. Chron. by term of court, and chron. thereunder by date of hearing. Index alph. by the first letter of surname of defendant and plaintiff. Chancery Clerk, Lucedale.

1910-- Record, in "Minute Book, Chancery Court," 4 vols. Chron. by date of term and chron. thereunder by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Lucedale.

GREENE COUNTY (Leakesville)

1878-- Papers in "Chancery Cases," 63 f. b. Numer. by docket no. and chron. by date filed. Index in "Chancery Docket," Chancery Clerk, Leakesville.

1876-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 7 vols. Chron. by date of term and chron. thereunder by date of hearing each case. Chancery Clerk, Leakesville.

GRENADA COUNTY (Grenada)

1870-- Papers, in "Case records," 171 f. b. Numer. by docket no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. Chancery Clerk, Grenada.

1870-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 9 vols. Chron. by date of term of court and chron. thereunder by date of session. No index. Chancery Clerk, Grenada.

HANCOCK COUNTY (Bay St. Louis)

1853-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Case Files," 183 f. b. and 6 bundles. Numer. by docket no. Chancery Clerk, Bay St. Louis.

1856-- Record, in "Chancery Minutes," 13 vols. Chron. by date of term of court and chron. thereunder by date of session. 1856-1880, 1895-1904, 1923--, no index. 1881-1895, 1904-1923, alph. by surname of complainant, Chancery Clerk, Bay St. Louis.

HARRISON COUNTY (Gulfport)

1842-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Case Files," 106 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Gulfport.

1853-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 46 vols. Chron. by term of court and thereunder by date of hearing. Vols. 1 and 2, no index; vols. 3-46, alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff and defendant. Chancery Clerk, Gulfport.

HINDS COUNTY (Jackson-Raymond)

1844-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 14 vols. Chron. by date of term and thereunder by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Raymond.

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HINDS COUNTY (Continued)

1865-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 51 vols. Chron. by term of court and chron. thereunder by date of session. No index. Chancery Clerk, Jackson.

HOLMES COUNTY (Lexington)

1865-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 131 f. d. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Lexington.
1883-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 14 vols. Chron. by date of court. No index. Chancery Clerk, Lexington.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY (Belzoni)

1918-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 48 f. b. Numer. by docket no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Belzoni.
1918-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 4 vols. Chron. by date of term of court and chron. thereunder by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Belzoni.

ISSAQUENA COUNTY (Mayersville)

1887-- Papers, in "Case Records Chancery Court," 24 f. b. Chron. by term of court and proceedings. Chancery Clerk, Mayersville.
1856-- Record, in "Minute Book Chancery Court," 5 vols. Chron. by date of term of court and chron. thereunder by date of hearing. Chancery Clerk, Mayersville.

ITAWAMBA COUNTY (Fulton)

1853-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 119 f. b. Numer. arr. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Fulton.
1879-- Record, in "Minute Book, Chancery Court," 9 vols. Chron. by term of court. 1879-1912, no index; 1913--, index alph. by name of both parties. Chancery Clerk, Fulton.

JACKSON COUNTY (Pascagoula)

1875-- Papers, in "Record of Cases Tried in Chancery Court," 249 f. b. Numer. by docket no. and chron. by date of filing. Indexed in separate documentary files.

1875-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 14 vols. Chron. by date of term and chron. thereunder by date of hearing each case. Separate index. Chancery Clerk, Pascagoula.

JASPER COUNTY (Bay Springs-Paulding)

1878-84; Papers, in "Active and Ended Cases, Chancery Court," 12 f. b.
1932-- Arr. numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Paulding.
1906-- Papers, in "Case Records, Chancery Court," 28 f. b. Arr. numer. by case no. Chancery Clerk, Bay Springs.

Divorces

JASPER COUNTY (Continued)

1906-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 5 vols. Arr. chron. by date of term and chron. thereunder by date of hearing of each cause. No index. Chancery Clerk, Bay Springs.

1932-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Chancery Clerk, Bay Springs.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (Fayette)

1857-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Case Records," 146 f. b. Arr. numer. by case no. Separate index, alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff and defendant. Chancery Clerk, Fayette.

1857-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Chancery Clerk, Fayette.

JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY (Prentiss)

1906-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 53 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of recording and numer. thereunder by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Prentiss.

1906-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 4 vols. Chron. by date of court term. Index alph. by first letter of surname of both parties. Chancery Clerk, Prentiss.

JONES COUNTY (Ellisville-Laurel)

1857-- Papers, in "Record of Cases Filed in Chancery Court," 99 f. b. Numer. by case no. Index alph. by first letter of surname of complainant and defendant. Chancery Clerk, Ellisville.

1857-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 8 vols. Chron. by date of term and chron. thereunder by date of hearing of each cause. Chancery Clerk, Ellisville.

1906-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Case Files," 197 f. b. and 8 f. d. File boxes numer. by case no.; file drawers alph. by first letter of surname of complainant. No index. Chancery Clerk, Laurel.

1907-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 10 vols. Chron. by date of proceedings. No index. Chancery Clerk, Laurel.

1928-- "Affidavits and Certificates of Divorce," 1 f. b. Alph. by surnames. No index. Chancery Clerk, Laurel.

KEMPER COUNTY (DeKalb)

1881-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Case Files," 201 f. b. Alph. by first letter of surname of party and numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, DeKalb.

1881-- Record, in "Minute Book, Chancery Court," 8 vols. Chron. by date decreed. Indexed by first letter of surname of both parties. Chancery Clerk, DeKalb.

1912-- "Bills For Divorces," 1 bundle. Chron. by date of recording. No index. Chancery Clerk, DeKalb.

Divorces

LAFAYETTE COUNTY (Oxford)

1837-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 172 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Oxford.
1867-- Record, in "Chancery Clerk's Minutes," 9 vols. Chron. by date of court term. Chancery Clerk, Oxford.

LAMAR COUNTY (Purvis)

1889-- Papers, in "Record of Cases Tried in Chancery Court," 123 f. b. Numer. by docket no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Purvis.
1889-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 7 vols. Chron. by date of term and chron. thereunder by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Purvis.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY (Meridian)

1838-- Papers, in "Chancery Case Records," 809 f. b. Chron. by date filed. Index separate. Chancery Clerk, Meridian.
1856-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 39 vols. Chron. by term of court and chron. thereunder by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Meridian.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (Monticello)

1818-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 42 f. b. Numer. by case no. Separate index. Chancery Clerk, Monticello.
1859-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 8 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Chancery Clerk, Monticello.

LEAKE COUNTY (Carthage)

1840-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Case Records," 151 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Carthage.
1838-- Record, in "Minutes of the Chancery Court," 17 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Chancery Clerk, Carthage.

LEE COUNTY (Tupelo)

1867-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 189 f. b. Numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date recorded. No index. Chancery Clerk, Tupelo.
1873-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 22 vols. Chron. by term of court and chron. thereunder by date recorded. No index. Chancery Clerk, Tupelo.

LEFLORE COUNTY (Greenwood)

1846-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 371 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Greenwood.
1857-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 17 vols. Chron. by term of court. No index. Chancery Clerk, Greenwood.

Divorces

LINCOLN COUNTY (Brookhaven)

1894-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Case Record," 264 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Brookhaven.
1894-- Record, in "Chancery Court Minutes," 10 vols. Chron. by court term. Index alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff and defendant. Chancery Clerk, Brookhaven.

LOWNDES COUNTY (Columbus)

1829-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases Tried in Chancery Court," 99 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Columbus.
1870-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 20 vols. Chron. by date of term and chron. thereunder by date recorded. No index. Chancery Clerk, Columbus.

MADISON COUNTY (Canton)

1871-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Files," 34 f. b. Numer. by case no. Index alph. by first letter of surnames. Chancery Clerk, Canton.
1857-- Record, in "Chancery Court Cases," 13 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Chancery Clerk, Canton.

MARION COUNTY (Columbia)

1831-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 567 vols. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Columbia.
1866-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 11 vols. Chron. by date of court term. Index alph. by first letter of surnames of plaintiff and defendant. Chancery Clerk, Columbia.

MARSHALL COUNTY (Holly Springs)

1836-- Papers, in "Chancery and Probate Papers," 1836-1868, 2 f. b.; "Chancery Court Cases," 1869--, 326 f. b. Chron. by date of court. No index. Chancery Clerk, Holly Springs.
1836-- Record, in "Probate Court Minutes," 1836-1869, 20 vols.; "Chancery Court Minutes," 1870--, 12 vols. Chron. by court term. No index. Chancery Clerk, Holly Springs.

MONROE COUNTY (Aberdeen)

1821-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 109 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Aberdeen.
1856-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 17 vols. Chron. by date of court term. No index. Chancery Clerk, Aberdeen.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (Winona)

1871-- Papers, in "Original Case Record," 149 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Winona.
1871-- Record, in "Chancery Court Minutes," 8 vols. Chron. by term of court. Chancery Clerk, Winona.

Divorces

NESHOBA COUNTY (Philadelphia)

1866-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Record," 30 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Philadelphia.

1857-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 8 vols. Chron. by term of court. Index alph. by first letter of surnames of parties in "Chancery Court Index." Chancery Clerk, Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY (Decatur)

1911-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Case Files," 156 f. b. Chron. by date filed. Index in "General Index to Chancery Cases." Chancery Clerk, Decatur.

1876-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 10 vols. Chron. by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Decatur.

NOXUBEE COUNTY (Macon)

1856-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Records," 394 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Macon.

1841-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 22 vols. Chron. by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Macon.

OKTIBBEHA COUNTY (Starkville)

1876-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Case Files," 137 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Starkville.

1880-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 10 vols. Chron. by date of hearing. Index alph. by first letter of surname of complainant and defendant. Chancery Clerk, Starkville.

PANOLA COUNTY (Batesville-Sardis)

1857-- Papers, in "Case Record of Chancery Court," 252 f. b. Chron. by date filed. No index. Chancery Clerk, Sardis.

1856-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 13 vols. Chron. by term of court. Index alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff and defendant. Chancery Clerk, Sardis.

1880-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 8 vols. Chron. by term of court. No index. Chancery Clerk, Batesville.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY (Poplarville)

1891-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 127 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Poplarville.

1891-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 6 vols. Chron. by term of court. No index. Chancery Clerk, Poplarville.

PERRY COUNTY (New Augusta)

1878-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 6 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, New Augusta.

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PERRY COUNTY (Continued)

1878-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 5 vols. Chron. by term of court, and chron. thereunder by date of session. No index. Chancery Clerk, New Augusta.

PIKE COUNTY (Magnolia)

1882-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 190 f. b. and 159 pigeon-holes. Numer. by case no. Index in "General Chancery Docket." Chancery Clerk, Magnolia.

1936-- Papers, in "Live Chancery Cases," 1 filing cabinet. Numer. by case no. Index in "General Chancery Docket." Chancery Clerk, Magnolia.

1882-- Record, in "Chancery Court Minutes," 19 vols. Chron. by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Magnolia.

PONTOTOC COUNTY (Pontotoc)

1836-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 1836-1936, 89 f. b. "Chancery Court Cases," 1937--, 207 file folders. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Pontotoc.

1836-- Record, in "Chancery Court Minutes," 30 vols. Chron. by court term, numer. thereunder by case no. Chancery Clerk, Pontotoc.

PRENTISS COUNTY (Booneville)

1870-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Case Files," 175 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Booneville.

1870-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 14 vols. Chron. by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Booneville.

QUITMAN COUNTY (Marks)

1877-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 126 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Marks.

1877-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 9 vols. Chron. by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Marks.

RANKIN COUNTY (Brandon)

1902-- Papers, in "General Chancery Docket," 3 vols. Chron. by date filed. Index alph., direct and reverse, by first letter of surnames of defendant and plaintiff. Chancery Clerk, Brandon.

1870-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 11 vols. Chron. by court term. No index. Chancery Clerk, Brandon.

SCOTT COUNTY (Forest)

1872-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 156 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Forest.

Divorces

SCOTT COUNTY (Continued)

1873-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 8 vols. Chron. by term of court. No index. Chancery Clerk, Forest.

SHARKEY COUNTY (Rolling Fork)

1876-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 91 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Rolling Fork.

1879-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 6 vols. Chron. by date of term and date of hearing of each cause. No index. Chancery Clerk, Rolling Fork.

SIMPSON COUNTY (Mendenhall)

1872-- Papers, in "Case Record," 200 bundles, 1872-1900; 154 f. b., 1901--. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Court, Mendenhall.

1872-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 9 vols. Chron. by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Mendenhall.

SMITH COUNTY (Raleigh)

1906-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 124 f. d. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Raleigh.

1893-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 9 vols. Chron. by court term. Index alph. by first letter of surname of complainant and defendant. Chancery Clerk, Raleigh.

STONE COUNTY (Wiggins)

1916-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 24 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Wiggins.

1886-1917 Record, in "Transcribed Minutes of the Chancery Court, Harrison County," 1 vol. Index alph.,direct and reverse, by first letter of surname of complainant and defendant. Chancery Clerk, Wiggins.

1916-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 3 vols. Chron. by court term. Chancery Clerk, Wiggins.

SUNFLOWER COUNTY (Indianola)

1871-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 17 vols. Chron. by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Indianola.

TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY (Charleston-Sumner)

1856-- Papers, in "Original Cases Chancery Court," 39 f. b. and 800 bundles. Numer. by case no. Chancery Clerk, Charleston.

1856-- Record, in "Chancery Court Minutes," 9 vols. Chron. by date of hearing. Index alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff and defendant. Chancery Clerk, Charleston.

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TATE COUNTY (Senatobia)

1873-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases," 485 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Senatobia.
1873-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 12 vols. Chron. by date of court. Chancery Clerk, Senatobia.

TIPPAH COUNTY (Ripley)

1855-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Files," 108 f. d. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Ripley.
1856-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 9 vols. Chron. by date of hearing. Records prior to 1870 in "Minutes Probate Court." Chancery Clerk, Ripley.

TISHOMINGO COUNTY (Iuka)

1912-- Papers, in "Case Papers, Chancery Court," 52 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Iuka.
1887-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 7 vols. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Chancery Clerk, Iuka.

TUNICA COUNTY (Tunica)

1858-- Papers, in "General Docket File," Chancery Court, 172 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Tunica.
1858-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 10 vols. Chron. by date of proceedings. Chancery Clerk, Tunica.

UNION COUNTY (New Albany)

1881-- Papers, in "Issue Docket and Trial Docket," 5 vols. Chron. by date of hearing. Issue Docket indexed alph. by first letter of surname of parties; Trial Docket not indexed. Chancery Clerk, New Albany.
1881-- Record, in "Chancery Court Minutes," 9 vols. Chron. by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, New Albany.

WALTHALL COUNTY (Tylertown)

1914-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 40 f. b. Chron. by date recorded. No index. Chancery Clerk, Tylertown.
1914-- Record, in "Chancery Court Minutes," 4 vols. Chron. by court term. No index. Chancery Clerk, Tylertown.

WARREN COUNTY (Vicksburg)

1839-55 Papers, in "Superior Court of Chancery Record," 1 vol. Chron. by court term. No index. Chancery Clerk, Vicksburg.
1819-38 Record, in "Minutes Superior Court," 1 vol. Chron. by court term. Chancery Clerk, Vicksburg.

Divorces

WARREN COUNTY (Continued)

1856-- Papers, in "Chancery Cases Chancery Court," 684 f. b. Numer. by case no. Index alph. by first letter of surnames of defendants and complainants. Chancery Clerk, Vicksburg.
1856-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 22 vols. Chron. by date of proceedings. No index. Chancery Clerk, Vicksburg.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (Greenville)

1840-- Papers, in "Chancery and Probate Papers," 11 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Greenville.
1856-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 20 vols. Chron. by date of proceedings. No index. Chancery Clerk, Greenville.

WAYNE COUNTY (Waynesboro)

1893-- Papers, in "Case Record," Chancery Court, 104 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Waynesboro.
1878-- Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 6 vols. Chron. by term of court. Index alph. by first letter of surnames of complainant and defendant. Chancery Clerk, Waynesboro.

WEBSTER COUNTY (Walthall)

1874-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Papers," 87 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Walthall.
1874-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 6 vols. Chron. by date of proceedings. No index. Chancery Clerk, Walthall.

WILKINSON COUNTY (Woodville)

1866-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 224 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Woodville.
1856-- Record, in "Chancery Court Minutes," 8 vols. Chron. by date of court proceedings. Index alph. by first letter of surnames of complainant and defendant. Chancery Clerk, Woodville.

WINSTON COUNTY (Louisville)

1860-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 73 f. b. Numer. by case no. Chancery Clerk, Louisville.
1856-- Record, in "Minute Book Chancery Court," 7 vols. Chron. by term of court and chron. thereunder by date of hearing. No index. Chancery Clerk, Louisville.

YALOBUSHA COUNTY (Coffeeville-Water Valley)

1851-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 140 f. b. Numer. by case no. No index. Chancery Clerk, Coffeeville.
1856-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court," 8 vols. Chron. by date of court term. Chancery Clerk, Coffeeville.

Divorces

YALOBUSHA COUNTY (Continued)

1876-- Papers, in "Original Papers Chancery Court," 88 f. d. Numer. by case no. Chancery Clerk, Water Valley.
1873-- Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court 2nd. Dist.," 7 vols. Chron. by court term. Chancery Clerk, Water Valley.

YAZOO COUNTY (Yazoo City)

1843-- Papers, in "Chancery Court Cases," 502 f. b. Numer. by case no. Chancery Clerk, Yazoo City.
1866-- Record, in "Chancery Court Minutes," 21 vols. Chron. by date recorded. Chancery Clerk, Yazoo City.

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MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

STATISTICAL RECORD OF DIVORCE

Name of COMPLAINANT _____ COLOR _____

Name of DEFENDANT _____ COLOR _____

WHEN MARRIED _____ Number Minor Children Affected by the Decree _____

CAUSE OF DIVORCE (Briefly Stated) _____

WAS SUIT CONTESTED? _____

I, the undersigned Chancery Clerk of.....County, hereby certify that the above named were divorced by decree of the Chancery Court of said county on the.....day of....., 19.....; said decree being recorded in Minute Book.....Page.....

(SEAL) (Signed).....Chancery Clerk.

SECTIONS 6, 7, 8, and 9, CHAPTER 132, LAWS OF 1928

Sec. 6. That Sections 7 and 8 of Chapter 164, Laws of 1926, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. That it shall be the duty of each chancery clerk in the State to make a report of each divorce granted in his county and on forms furnished by the State Board of Health, showing the following information, as correctly as he is able to make such report; Names of complainant and defendant; their race and color; when married; cause of the divorce, briefly stated; number of minor children affected by the decree; and the page and book in which decree is recorded. He shall certify to the above, and affix his seal. Said report shall be forwarded to the State Board of Health by said chancery clerk within ten days after adjournment of each term of chancery court in his county.

Sec. 8. That each chancery clerk for his services in preparing and forwarding said records to the State Board of Health shall receive the sum of thirty-five cents for each completed record, to be taxed as costs in each divorce case as other fees are taxed, and shall be in addition to the fees prescribed by Section 1848 of Hemingway's Code edition of 1917, Section 2167 of Mississippi Code of 1906.

Sec. 9. That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.
Approved April 16, 1928.

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF COUNTIES IN MISSISSIPPI WITH THE DATES OF THEIR CREATION

No.	Created	County	No.	Created	County
1.	1799	Adams	42.	1871	Leflore
2.	1870	Alcorn	43.	1870	Lincoln
3.	1809	Amite	44.	1830	Lowndes
4.	1833	Attala	45.	1828	Madison
5.	1870	Benton	46.	1811	Marion
6.	1836	Bolivar	47.	1836	Marshall
7.	1852	Calhoun	48.	1821	Monroe
8.	1833	Carroll	49.	1871	Montgomery
9.	1836	Chickasaw	50.	1833	Neshoba
10.	1833	Choctaw	51.	1836	Newton
11.	1802	Claiborne	52.	1833	Noxubee
12.	1833	Clarke	53.	1833	Oktibbeha
13.	1871	Clay	54.	1836	Panola
14.	1836	Coahoma	55.	1890	Pearl River
15.	1823	Copiah	56.	1820	Perry
16.	1819	Covington	57.	1815	Pike
17.	1836	DeSoto	58.	1836	Pontotoc
18.	1908	Forrest	59.	1870	Prentiss
19.	1809	Franklin	60.	1877	Quitman
20.	1910	George	61.	1828	Rankin
21.	1811	Greene	62.	1833	Scott
22.	1870	Grenada	63.	1876	Sharkey
23.	1812	Hancock	64.	1824	Simpson
24.	1841	Harrison	65.	1833	Smith
25.	1821	Hinds	66.	1916	Stone
26.	1833	Holmes	67.	1844	Sunflower
27.	1918	Humphreys	68.	1833	Tallahatchie
28.	1844	Issaquena	69.	1873	Tate
29.	1836	Itawamba	70.	1836	Tippah
30.	1812	Jackson	71.	1836	Tishomingo
31.	1833	Jasper	72.	1836	Tunica
32.	1802	Jefferson	73.	1870	Union
33.	1906	Jefferson Davis	74.	1910	Walthall
34.	1826	Jones	75.	1809	Warren
35.	1833	Kemper	76.	1827	Washington
36.	1836	Lafayette	77.	1809	Wayne
37.	1904	Lamar	78.	1874	Webster
38.	1833	Lauderdale	79.	1802	Wilkinson
39.	1814	Lawrence	80.	1833	Winston
40.	1833	Leake	81.	1833	Yalobusha
41.	1866	Lee	82.	1823	Yazoo

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